

St Mary's Church



Marlborough

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Pastoral Introduction

To be read silently by those present before the service begins.

God's love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God. Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is new life in Christ over death.

Even those who share such faith find that there is a real sense of loss at the death of a loved one. We will each have had our own experiences of their life and death, with different memories and different feelings of love, grief and respect. To acknowledge this at the beginning of the service should help us to use this occasion to express our faith and our feelings as we say farewell, acknowledge our loss and our sorrow, and to reflect on our own mortality. Those who mourn need support and consolation. Our presence here today is part of that continuing support.

The minister welcomes the people and introduces the service

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you.

All And also with you.

Prayer

Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:

he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace-

no work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Prayers

Reading. Genesis ch.1 v.14 - 18

Hymn

Morning has broken,
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird;
Praise for the singing,
Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall,
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass;
Praise for the sweetness,
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play;
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day.

Tributes by family and friends

Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Reading. Philippians ch.4 v.5 - 9

Prayers

The Lords Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And, forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
For ever and ever.

Amen

Commendation and farewell

Refreshments have been kindly provided by Chris's friends and colleagues from Waitrose. These will be available in the Church Hall next door after the service. Everyone welcome.

There will be a private service for the immediate family later today at the West Wiltshire Crematorium, Semington.

Chris will be interred at Marlborough Town Cemetery on Friday morning. A short service will take place attended by family and close friends.

The retiring collection in Chris's memory will be in aid of the National Trust fund in support of Avebury stones.

Donations via David Hunter at Free & Sons.

Our thanks go to all those who have been so kind and supportive in this our time of great loss. Andrew & Belinda

