



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

DOREEN LILLEY

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You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Anonymous

Hymn

Take my life & let it be TIS 599

Take my life, and let it be,
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-1879

Greeting & Introduction

We have come together to thank God
for the life of our dear sister **Doreen Lilley**.
to mourn and honour her to lay to rest her mortal body,
and to support one another in grief.

Let us hear words of hope from God's Word, the Bible:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3.22-23

Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me,
even though they die, yet will they live.'

John 11.25

Let us pray:

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Placing of Symbols

The Candle – placed by Paige Lilley.

Light immortal, you brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel.

May we, with Doreen and all the baptised, know the full light of
your risen presence. **Amen.**

Water – placed by Kelsey Lilley-Hale.

In the waters of baptism we died with Christ and began to walk
in newness of life.

May we, with Doreen and all the baptised, be brought to the
fulfilment of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Bible – place by Evie Lilley-Hale.

In life Doreen was nourished by the word of God. May Christ greet us, with Doreen, saying: Come, blessed of my Father!
Amen.

The Cross – placed by Jade Lilley.

Lord Jesus Christ, you bore our sins on the cross. May this cross be a sign to us of your love for Doreen, and the forgiveness of her sins. **Amen.**

Psalm 23

read by Tristan Lilley-Hale

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Celebrating Doreen's Life

Eulogy

Sarah and Ian

Tributes and Memories

shared by family and friends
Courtney O'Brien will read a tribute
on behalf of the grand-children

Photo Presentation

The Ministry of the Word

Bible Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Read by Georgia Lilley

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Message

‘I have fought the good fight’

Rev. Graeme Peters

Prayers

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for our salvation. We thank you, loving Father, for the gift of life, and particularly for the life of *Doreen Lilley*. Bring us, with *Doreen* and all your faithful people, to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you.

As our saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray:

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.

Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is thy faithfulness...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness...

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm 1866-1960

Farewell and Committal

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister *Doreen Lilley*
by water and the Spirit.

Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen.

Go in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art.

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul...

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home- what joy shall fill my heart;
then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul...

Stuart Keene Hine (1899 -1989)

A Service for the Interment of Ashes

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. As we remember before you our sister ***Doreen***, so we ask your help for all who shall gather in her memory. Grant us the comfort of your presence and grace, by the Spirit you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' – *John 11.25–26*

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
– *Romans 8.38–39*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. – *1 Peter 1.3–4*

God our creator, giver of life and all that is good and true, we thank you for the life of your servant Doreen Lilley. Preserve among us the good of her example, and keep us in the way of truth, until we come to your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Interment

As the ashes are interred, the minister says

God our Father, in loving care your hand has created us, and as the potter fashions the clay you have formed us in your image.

Through the Holy Spirit you have breathed into us the gift of life.

In the sharing of love, you have enriched our knowledge of you and of one another.

We claim your love today, as we commit these remains of our sister **Doreen** to their resting place, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. – *1 Corinthians 15.51–53*

The Prayers

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

God of hope, grant that we, with all who have believed in you, may be united in the full knowledge of your love and the unclouded vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen. – *Jude 24–25*



The Lilley Family appreciate your comforting presence
with us today and sincerely
thank all those who shared their lives with Doreen
and prayed and supported her and the family during her illness.

God bless you all.



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