



Celebrating the life of
J Denis Jepson

12 April 1937 - 5 March 2024

Friday 22 March 2024 at 10.30am
St. Cuthbert's Church, Darwen



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PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Arise to Greet the Lord Of Light

'Repton'

By Sir C. H. H. Parry

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

Immortable, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

TRIBUTE

Memories of Grandpa

Read by Grace and Eve





EULOGY

Denis

Read by Jeremy Turner on behalf of the family

THE COLLECT

PSALM 23

READING

John 14:1-3

Read by Andy McDonnell

HOMILY

Words of Christian Hope

HYMN

Lord, for tomorrow and it's needs

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray;
Keep me, O God, from stain of sin,
Just for today.
Just for today
Keep me, O God, from stain of sin,
Just for today

Let me both diligently work
And duly pray;
Let me be kind in word and deed,
Just for today.
Just for today
Let me be kind in word and deed,
Just for today

Let me both diligently work
And duly pray;
Let me be kind in word and deed,
Just for today.
Just for today
Let me be kind in word and deed,
Just for today

Let me no wrong or idle word
Unthinking say;
Set thou a seal upon my lips,
Just for today.
Just for today
Set thou a seal upon my lips,
Just for today.

So, for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray;
But Keep me, guide me, love me Lord,!
Just for today.
Just for today.
But Keep me, guide me, love me Lord,!
Just for today.

MUSIC, PHOTOS AND REFLECTIONS

The Dam Busters March

Performed by Central Band of The Royal Air Force

POEM

“What makes a dad?”

Read by Alison McDonnell

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING

...Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

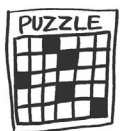
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

COMMENDATION

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Goin' Home
Largo from the New World Symphony
by Antonín Dvořák

THE COMMITTAL WILL FOLLOW AT PLEASINGTON
CREMATORIUM, ALL WELCOME.



What is death?

By Unknown

Selected by Denis

A flying boat takes off from the sea, and soars
into the air

Friends, on the beach watch as it dwindles
into the distance

As it disappears over the horizon, the
murmur is heard

“There she goes”

At the same moment watchers on a distant
shore are eagerly scanning the skies - and the
joyful cry goes up

“Here she comes”

Denis' family would like to thank you all for your support, kind words, messages of sympathy, cards of condolence and donations received during their time of sorrow.



DONATIONS

If you wish to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Society this in the collection box as you enter the church or online at:
www.justgiving.com/page/denis-jepson

INVITATION

All welcome at Astley Bank Hotel to celebrate the life of Denis. Please take a moment to write in the memorial book, we would love to hear your memories of Denis.

