

A Service of Celebration for the Life of
Andrew Sheridan May

29th December 1945 – 11th May 2021



ST. GILES CHURCH
Ickenham

Thursday 20th May 2021
12.00pm

Conducted by Reverend Felicity Davies



Order of Service

MUSIC ON ENTRANCE

'In Paradisum' (*Blake*)

'Dance of the Blessed Spirits' (*Orfeo e Euridice*)

'Nimrod' (*Elgar*)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

EULOGY

By Joshua May

POEM

'You Can Shed Tears'

(David Harkins)

Read by Olivia Chopin

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that 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 him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



BIBLE READING
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11
Read by Hilary Cobban

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?
I have seen the travail,
which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.
He hath made every thing beautiful in his time:
also he hath set the world in their heart,
so that no man can find out the work that God maketh
from the beginning to the end.

BIBLE READING

‘1 Corinthians 13’

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

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MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

‘Dido’s Lament’

Purcell

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S 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.

THE COMMENDATION & COMMITTAL

BLESSING

MUSIC ON EXIT

‘River Deep, Mountain High’

Tina Turner



The family would like to thank you for your attendance today and for your messages of sympathy at this difficult time.

Diana, Joshua and Olivia will be attending a private cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

You are welcome to share further memories at The Rose & Crown, Harefield Road, Rickmansworth WD3 1PP where they will join you after the short service at Breakspear.

Any donations to St. Giles church may be placed in the boxes at the church

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Andrew they can be made online at

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Alternatively, cheques made payable to

'The Paul Strickland Scanner Centre'

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