

**A Service of Thanksgiving  
for the life of**

**HUGH GRAHAM GREATWOOD**

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**All Saints' Church, Farringdon  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

### **The Best**

God saw you getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to Me".  
With tearful eyes we watched you,  
And saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A Golden Heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.

## **Entrance Music**

Nimrod by Elgar

### **Welcome**

#### **The Airborne Forces Collect**

read by Peter Chiswell

May the defence of the most High be above and beneath, around and within us, in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our going down, through all our days and all our nights, until dawn when the Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings for the people of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn**

Now thank we all our God,  
With hearts, and hands, and voices;  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us still in grace,  
And guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all ills,  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With Them in highest heaven:  
The one, eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

## **Poem**

### **The Song of the River**

read by David Greatwood and Mary Lloyd

## **Eulogy**

given by David Froud

## **Hymn**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness  
e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

## **Reading**

Ecclesiastes 3 vv 1-8 & 11  
read by Bryan Ray

## **Reading**

2 Timothy 4 vv 6-8  
read by Rod Low

## **Address**

by The Reverend Tony Pears

## Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heaven, to earth come down.  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temple leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing;  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Prayers

*as we remain kneeling we sing:*

God be in my head,  
And in my understanding;

God be in my eyes,  
And in my looking;

God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking;

God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking;

God be at my end,  
And at my departing.

Amen

*please remain kneeling*

O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them whereso'er they go:  
Oh hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

### **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.

### **Hymn**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim, through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

### **Commendation**

### **Blessing**

**Please be seated during the playing of  
The Parachute Regimental March**

**There will be a donation plate to be divided between  
'Airborne Charities' and 'Cardiac Rehab'.**

**After the service you are warmly invited  
to join the family  
at Four Marks Village Hall.  
(Directions available in porch).**



### **The Broken Chain**

We little knew that morning  
that God would call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone,  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide  
and though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.