

In Loving Memory of

Frances Madeline Constable

12th April 1923 - 27th January 2021



Poole Crematorium

Thursday 25th February 2021 at 2.00 pm

Service conducted by Neil McCain

Order of Service

Opening Music Time To Say Goodbye André Rieu

Welcome

Poem
I Am Standing On The Seashore
Henry van Dyke

I am standing on the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says "There, she is gone." Gone where? Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at that moment when someone says, "There, she is gone." there are other eyes watching her coming,

and other voices ready to take up the glad shout - "Here she comes!"

And that is dying.

Hymn

He Who Would Valiant Be sung by the Salisbury Cathedral Choir, David Halls and John Challenger

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories

Do but themselves confound - his strength the more is.

No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,

He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit, We know we at the end shall life inherit.

Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say, I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan (1628-1688)

Eulogy for Frances

written by the family and read by Neil

Poem When God Saw You Getting Tired

When God saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be, He put his arms around you And whispered, 'Come to me.' He didn't like what you went through And he gave you a rest. His garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best. And when we saw you sleeping, So peaceful and free from pain, We wouldn't wish you back To suffer that again. Today we say goodbye And, as you take your final rest, That garden must be beautiful Because you are one of the best.

Time for Reflection

Music: Sailing By

Ronald Binge

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.

Words of Farewell

Hymn

Abide With Me - Katherine Jenkins

Poem The Years Of My Life by Piers Lane

When the years of my life have come to an end, The time of farewell comes to pass, Remember the days that we have all shared, Say my name, tell a tale, raise a glass. Each day of my life, I've been blessed to have known Good friends who have travelled each mile; I ask of you this, if you will, now and then: Think of me, picture us, with a smile. Because life is a gift that cannot be kept protected, avoiding the end, Live for each truth that you already know: Seize the day, care for all, love your friends. My time here is over, I'm resting elsewhere At peace, I have fallen asleep; The memories that I held in my heart Are now yours to treasure and keep.

Closing Music

Fantasia on Greensleeves by Vaughan Williams



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