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# A Celebration for the Life of



# Victor James Evans

15th April 1932 - 3rd February 2019

Markeaton Crematorium
Thursday 21st February 2019
at 10.40 am



Order of Service

ENTRANCE MUSIC 'Songbird' by Eva Cassidy

### THE BLESSING

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

EXIT MUSIC 'Top of the World' by the Carpenters



### THE COMMENDATION AND COMMITTAL

Let us commend Vic to the mercy of God our Maker and his Redeemer - into your hands, O Merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Vic. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Enfold him in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.** 

And now, we commit his body to be cremated: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried and rose again for us.

To him be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

### THE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

We meet in the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of God, the Father. Grace and mercy be with you.

We have come here today to remember before God our dear brother Vic, to give thanks for his life; to commend him to God his merciful redeemer and judge; and to comfort one another in our grief; in the hope that is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I welcome you into this house of prayer, that here today you may know the peace of Christ in communion with all God's faithful servants.

# HYMN Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird; Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass; Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play; Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day.

Eleanor Farjeon

### Prayers of Penitence

As children of a loving heavenly Father, let us seek the forgiveness of God, for he is full of gentleness and compassion. Call to remembrance, O Lord, your compassion, and your loving kindness, for they have been from of old. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Remember not my sins nor my transgressions; but according to your mercy think on me.

Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

O keep my life, and deliver me, put me not to shame, for I have put my trust in you. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

#### ABSOLUTION

May God our Father forgive you your sins, and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom where dust and ashes have no dominion. **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! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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...

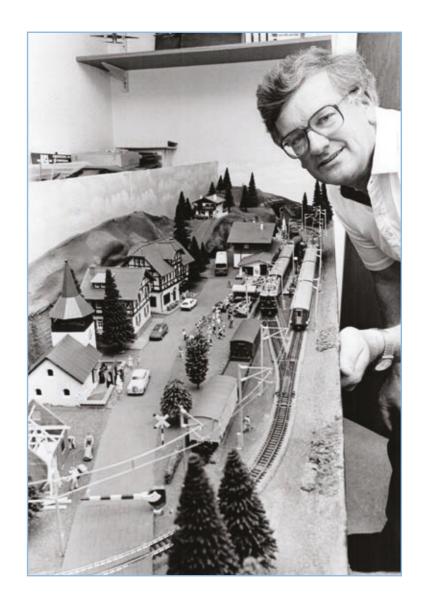
When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul...

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray: All: 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.



### A READING

from the New Testament John Chapter 14: verses 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if it were not true, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No-one can come to the Father except through me.'

REFLECTION
by the minister
followed by a
POEM
'Gods Garden'

read by Phil Morton

#### THE PRAYERS

Merciful Father, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give thanks for Vic for the grace and mercy he received from you, for all that was good in his life, for the memories we treasure today.

Lord of life,

### All: in your mercy hear us.

You promised eternal life to those who believe.

Remember for good, Lord, your servant Vic
as we also remember him and give him back to you.

Bring him and all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom where sins have been forgiven and death is no more.

Lord of life.

# All: in your mercy hear us.

Your mighty power brings good out of evil and life out of death.

Look in mercy on Margaret, Alison, David, Philip, the rest of the family, friends and all who mourn. Give them patient faith in times of darkness.

Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord of life,

### All: in your mercy hear us.

You are tender towards your children and your mercy is over all your works. Heal the memories of hurt and failure. Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us on earth, to turn to Christ and follow in his steps in the way that leads to everlasting life.

Lord of life.

All: in your mercy hear us.