A Celebration for the Life of



Julia Dawn Mason

1st August 1983 - 7th December 2019



Order of Service

Entrance Music Stand By Me by The Kingdom Choir

Welcome The Reverend Canon Peter Walley

We have come here today to remember before God our dear sister Julia, to give thanks for her life; to commend her to God, her 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.



The minister says some of the following sentences of scripture:

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'

John, Chapter 11: verses 2-26

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy, Chapter 6: verse 7; Job, Chapter 1: verse 21

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy, Chapter 33: verse 27

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his compassion never fails: every morning they are renewed.

Lamentations, Chapter 3: verses 22-23

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew, Chapter 5: verse 4

God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John, Chapter 3: verse 16

Hymn

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The world shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun refuse to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Shall be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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.



A Reading from the New Testament John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6 read by Liz Foster

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.'

Poem by Kay Williams

The Talk
by the minister
with a tribute from Ellie

The Prayers

Merciful Father, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give thanks for Julia, for the grace and mercy she received from you, for all that was good in her 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 Julia as we also remember her and give her back to you.

Bring her 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 Mark, Ellie, Grace, John, Dawn, Liz, Kay, Dean and 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.

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.

Merciful Father, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



Hymn

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, Give me oil in my lamp, I pray; Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, Keep me burning till the break of day.

> Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing, Give me joy in my heart, I pray; Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing, Keep me singing, till the break of day.

Give me love my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day.



The Commendation and Farewell The minister stands by the coffin and says:

Let us commend Julia to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Julia.

Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Enfold her in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

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 Brown Eyed Girl by Van Morrison

The family will now depart for Markeaton Crematorium, Main Chapel.

You are welcome to join them - if you are coming, please bring this order of service with you.

Entrance Music Mama by the Spice Girls

Introduction The Reverend Canon Peter Walley

Having remembered our dear sister Julia and commended her to God, her merciful redeemer and judge; we have come now to commit her body to be cremated, in the hope that is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Music I'm Kissing You by Des'ree

A Farewell Prayer

All: God our Father, we thank you that you have made each of us in your own image and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.

We thank you for Julia, the years we shared with her, the good we saw in her, the love we received from her. Now give us strength and courage to leave her in your care, confident in your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We have entrusted our sister Julia to God's mercy, and now we commit her body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in 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 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

Don't Look Back In Anger by Oasis



The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support at this sad time.

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