



To Celebrate the Life
of
Susan Cherry Eaton
'Cherry'

13th April 1945 - 13th February 2025

Trent Valley Crematorium

Friday 7th March 2025 at 11.30 am

Order of Service



OPENING MUSIC

Adagio for Strings
Samuel Barber

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

THE LITTLE THINGS

We gather to remember the little things that made
A special place in our heart.

To remember those happy times when we laughed
And those times when our hearts broke as one.

For who could put a price on memory?

We gather to share the pain,
To share memories and stories; to forgive and not to blame.

To laugh and to cry and not try to hide our tears.

For who can ever take away the pain?

We gather to share the precious gift of grief,
To stand beside you with love and support,
and not be uncomfortable with your tears.

To allow you the gift of mourning our loss and not lose patience.

We gather with gratitude for experiences we have enjoyed.

Grief is God's way of healing a broken heart.

Draw near to Him in faith and receive comfort, peace
And the wonderful hope of eternity in your heart.

GOSPEL READING

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6 and 27

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me ...

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid."

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT

HYMN

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 (1881-1965)

POEM

Chaffinch

A chaffinch sang in a cherry tree
On a cuckoo-day in spring,
For sure the airy foam-white flowers
Had taken sound and wing,
Each petal sweet, a glad bird-note,
Scattered abroad from his eager throat,
The dust of turquoise crowned his head,
Cornelians dyed his breast,
Smooth jet and ivory barred his wings;
He was so proudly dressed,
No king on earth more grand than he,
Showering song from the cherry tree.



FAMILY TRIBUTE

POEM

I Miss You

I miss you like the puddle misses the snowman it was.
I miss you like the butterfly misses the caterpillar,
Like the frog misses the tadpole,
Like the penguin misses the warm egg.
I miss you like my desk misses the tree it was before it was my desk.
I miss you like the oak tree misses the acorn it grew from,
Like the silence misses the song,
Like the book misses the blank page.
I miss you like the surprise misses still being a surprise,
Like the sailor misses the land,
Like the astronaut misses the Earth,
Like the grown-up misses being the child,
Like the arrow misses the bow it's shot from.
I miss you like I miss you!

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Summertime

Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end.

Amen.

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper:

the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:

he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

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.

COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL



REMEMBER ME

Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.
Share the happy memories we've made.
Do not let them wither or fade.
I'll be with you in the summer's sun
And when the winter's chill has come.
I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.
I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.
Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.
Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.
Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.
I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.

Anthony Dowson

BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and for evermore.
Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

My Way
Frank Sinatra





Cherry's family are very grateful for your kindness, cards, flowers and words of support, which have been a great comfort to them at this sad time.

You are all very warmly invited for refreshments at The Old Crown, Cavendish Bridge, Shardlow, Derby DE72 THL.

Donations made in loving memory of Cherry will support
Macmillan Cancer Support.

*There is only one happiness in this life,
to love and to be loved.*

Service conducted by Reverend James Lindsay.

A.W. LYMN

*The Family Funeral Service**

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