

*To Celebrate the Life
of*



David Brian Hopkins

14th June 1948 - 3rd January 2025

Church of the Good Shepherd
then Redhill Cemetery

Friday 21st February 2025
at 11.00 am



Order of Service

Gathering Music

In Paradisum

Fauré



Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
they came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people, they said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Greeting and Opening Prayer

Ad libitum

Reading

from the letter to the Hebrews,
Chapter 4: verses 14-16



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 in 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 furnished
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.



Gospel Greeting Verse
Alleluia

Gospel
A reading from the holy Gospel
John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

Homily



The Universal Prayers

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead;
with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

A reader or the minister then continues:

For David, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,
that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.

For our brother who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life,
that he may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us,
that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord, in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again,
that they may see God face to face.

Lord, in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our brother, that they may be consoled in their
grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus.

Lord, in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith,
that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.



Offertory Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts,
Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts,
Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.



Communion Processional Hymn

Soul of my Saviour,
sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ,
be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour,
bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water
flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection
may thy passion be;
O blessed Jesus,
hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord,
hide and shelter me;
so shall I never,
never part from thee.

Guard and defend me
from the foe malign;
in death's dread moments
make me only thine;
call me, and bid me
come to thee on high,
when I may praise thee
with thy saints for aye.



Ave Verum Corpus
Mozart

Commendation
from the Liturgy

Commendation Hymn

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.



Final Prayer and Blessing

Procession from the Church

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?

And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!

Bring me my arrows of desire!

Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!

Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.



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

All are welcome for light refreshment at
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