

A Service of Celebration for the life of

# DENIS JOHN RANDALL



23rd December 1927 - 3rd July 2025

*'The Best is yet to come'*  
*-John Wesley*

## **Entrance Music**

‘I Know That my Redeemer Liveth’  
*G F Handel 1685-1759, Brandenburg Consort,  
Choir of King’s College Cambridge*

## **Opening Verses**

*Reverend Mick Dilley*

## **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

*Reverend Mick Dilley*

# Hymn

‘Love Divine’

*Tune Blaenwern*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav’n to Earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev’ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find thy promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory  
Till in Heav’n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## Tributes

*John, Jill, Heather*



## Hymn

‘O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go’

*Tune St Margaret*

O love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way,  
I yield my flick’ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me thru’ pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow thru’ the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

## Reading

Romans 8 v 31-39

*Mr Mike Oliver*

## Talk

*Reverend Mick Dilley*

## **Music for Quiet Reflection**

‘God so Loved The World’

from The Crucifixion

*Sir John Stainer*

## **Reading**

1 Corinthians 13

*Mrs Christine Nuttall*

## **Prayers**

*Reverend Mick Dilley*

ending with The Lord’s Prayer said together

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.

## **Poem**

‘Laugh and be Merry’

*by John Masefield (1878-1967)*

*read by Jill*

# Commendation and Committal

## Hymn

Thine be the Glory

*Tune Maccabaeus*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:  
[Refrain]

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:  
[Refrain]

## Blessing

### Exit Music:

‘Ombra mai fu’ (O Leafy Shade)

Xerxes Act 1, G F Handel,

*Soloist Kathleen Ferrier (1949)*



Denis' family would like to thank everyone for their kind words of sympathy and love shown to them during this difficult time.

After the service, everyone is warmly invited to join Denis' family at

**Pine Lodge Hotel and Restaurant,**

*281 Nottingham Road, Mansfield, NG18 4SE*

where refreshments will be served and memories of Denis can be shared.

Donations in lieu of flowers will be gratefully accepted and forwarded onto Trinity Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements by G Gilbert Funeral Directors,  
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