

In Loving Memory of  
**Gwendoline Ellen Emma Jordan**

19th July 1925 — 10th May 2021



Funeral Service  
Christ Church, Shooters Hill

Tuesday 8th June 2021

## Music

Be Still For the Presence of the Lord

## Introduction

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

We have come here today to remember  
before God our sister Gwen  
to give thanks for her life;  
to commend her to God our merciful redeemer and judge;  
to commit her body to be buried,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

God of all consolation,  
your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears  
at the grave of Lazarus his friend.  
Look with compassion on your children in their loss;  
give to troubled hearts the light of hope  
and strengthen in us the gift of faith,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Tribute

### Mothers' Union Tribute

*by Jan Gosling*

## Prayers of Penitence

As children of a loving heavenly Father, let us ask his forgiveness,  
for he is gentle and full of compassion.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins  
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,  
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

## The Collect

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us;  
renew our trust in your Son,  
whom you raised from the dead;  
strengthen our faith that all who have died  
in the love of Christ  
will share in his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## First Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd  
I shall not want  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures  
He leadeth me besides the still waters

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Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
I will fear no evil

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I will fear no evil

For you are with me  
You will comfort me

You are with me  
You will comfort me

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life  
And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever

Forever

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## Second Reading

John 14.1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

## Sermon

### Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
where there is injury your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

*Refrain:*

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Refrain*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
in giving to all that we receive;  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## Prayers

God of mercy, Lord of life,  
you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light:  
we give you thanks for Gwen,  
for the grace and mercy she received from you,  
for all that was good in her life,  
for the memories we treasure today.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

You promised eternal life to those who believe.  
Remember for good this your servant Gwen  
as we also remember her.  
Bring all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom  
where sins have been forgiven death is no more.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death.  
Look in mercy on Roger, Dilys, Kelvin, Bev and Richard and all who mourn.  
Give them patient faith in times of darkness.  
Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

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 here on earth,  
to turn to Christ and follow in his steps  
in the way that leads to everlasting life.

Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer

God of mercy,  
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.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
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

Let us commend Gwendoline Ellen Emma  
to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence*

God our creator and redeemer,  
by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory.  
Confident of his victory and claiming his promises,  
we entrust Gwen to your mercy in the name of Jesus our Lord,  
who died and is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Heavenly Father,  
in your Son Jesus Christ  
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.  
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,  
that we may live as those who believe in  
communion of saints,  
forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**



## Hymn

### Lord Of All Hopefulness

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.

## Music as we leave the church

### We'll Gather Lilacs

# At Hillview Cemetery

## The Committal

The minister says

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great goodness.  
As a father is tender towards his children,  
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.

For he knows of what we are made;  
he remembers that we are but dust.  
Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;  
when the wind goes over it, it is gone  
and its place will know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord  
endures for ever and ever toward those that fear him  
and his righteousness upon their children's children.

We have entrusted our sister Gwendoline Ellen Emma  
to God's mercy,  
and we now 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 will transform our frail bodies  
that they may be conformed to his glorious body,  
who died, was buried, and rose again for us.  
To him be glory for ever. Amen.

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing.  
Amen.

## Ending

May God in his infinite love and mercy  
bring the whole Church,  
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,  
to a joyful resurrection  
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.  
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.



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