

Beckenham Methodist Church

29 October 2020 at midday



A Service to Celebrate the Life of

DAVID BLACKNELL

18 August 1935 ~ 7 October 2020

Order of Service

conducted by
Reverend Alex Terrett

Opening Music

Somewhere (Adagio)
Symphonic Dances From West Side Story
Leonard Bernstein. New York Philharmonic

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
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For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness Divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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Reading

Galatians 6: 7-10

Read by Tom Blacknell

My Brother

John Blacknell

Read by Joe Blacknell

Eulogy

Paul Blacknell

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praises should sing:
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the High, Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

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Readings

John 14: 1-6

Read by Anna Blacknell

Philippians 1: 3-6

Read by Libby Blacknell

Address

Reverend Alex Terrett

Music for Reflection

Mercury, the Winged Messenger. The Planets

Gustav Holst. London Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis

Family Tribute

Andrew Blacknell

Prayers

Led by Anna, Libby, Jed & Ben Blacknell

Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

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Commendation & Committal

Closing Music

Maria

West Side Story Suite (Instrumental)

Leonard Bernstein. David Zinman, Philharmonia

We are so grateful to everyone who has joined online and come in person despite the current restrictions.

You have played an important part in David's life and normally we would love to have welcomed everyone for refreshments after the service.

However you came to know David, thank you for being his friend and family at home, in Nottingham and Beckenham; at work, bridge, church and in many other places throughout his long life.

Donations

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