

Beckenham Methodist Church

22 January 2024 at 2pm



A Service to Celebrate the Life of

GRETTA BLACKNELL

25 February 1933 ~ 14 December 2023

Order of Service

conducted by
Reverend David Morris

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.
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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.
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And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley (Public Domain)

Reading

Psalm 116: 3-9, 15

Read by Ben Blacknell

Eulogy

Paul Blacknell

Hymn

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

John Newton (Public Domain)

Readings

Revelation 21:1-5
Read by Jed Blacknell

Address

Reverend David Morris

Music for Reflection

Out of Africa (I had a Farm in Africa)

John Barry

Legacy of Love

Author Unknown

Read by Harry Blacknell

Family Tribute

Andrew Blacknell

Prayers

and the Lord's Prayer

Led by Anna & Libby Blacknell

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.

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 come today, contacted us and sent cards and stories about mum.

However you came to know Gretta, thank you for being her friend and family at home, in Ireland and England; at work, bridge, church and in many other places throughout her long life.

You have played an important part in Gretta's life and we would love you to stay for refreshments after the service next door in the church atrium.

Donations

Kindly accepted on behalf of Dementia UK at
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/grettablacknell>



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