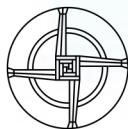


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**Valerie Rowles**  
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### Organ Prelude

Minister *I am the Resurrection and I am the Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.  
And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith,  
shall not die forever. JOHN 11:25–26*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. LAMENTATIONS 3:22,23*

*I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end  
he will stand upon the earth. Job 19.25*

*I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 8:38–39*

### Words of Remembrance

SUSAN CHRISTMAS

(DAUGHTER)

### Hymn **Amazing Grace**

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.

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.

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## Opening Prayers

Minister *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Minister *Let us pray.*

*God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy,  
you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.  
Show compassion to your people in their sorrow.  
Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief  
to the peace and light of your presence.*

*Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us,  
conquered death and by rising again, restored life.  
May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,  
and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters  
where every tear will be wiped away.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen***

## Psalm 23 Psalm 23

(TOGETHER)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## Reading John 14: 1-6

(CANON STEPHEN PEAKE)

Reader *The word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection** CANON STEPHEN PEAKE

## The Apostles' Creed

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting **Amen**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Minister* God of grace and glory, we thank you for Valerie. We thank you for the friendship she gave and for the strength and peace she brought. We thank you for the love she offered and received while she was with us. We pray that nothing good in Valerie's life will be lost but will continue to bear fruit.

**People** Hear us, Lord.

*Minister* We ask you that all of us may be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

**People** Hear us, Lord.

*Minister* We pray for each other; may we know the comfort which comes from our faith in the risen Christ.

**People** Hear us, Lord.

*Minister* Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Valerie's family, in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may have confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the days to come. May they find hope and comfort in you.

**People** Hear us, Lord.

*Minister* Grant us grace to entrust Valerie to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. In your mercy, remember her according to the favour you bear for your people. We ask this in the name of the risen Lord. **Amen**



## Prayer of Commendation

Minister *Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Valerie.  
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.  
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.*

## Committal

Minister *In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we commend to almighty God our sister Valerie  
and we commit her ashes to their resting place -  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.*

*The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her  
and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her  
and give her peace. Amen*

Minister *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.*

**People** **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

Minister *May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

## The Blessing

Minister *May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,  
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight,  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Dismissal

Minister *Go forth in the name of Christ.*

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn****Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
 pilgrim through this barren land;  
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
 hold me with thy powerful hand;  
 bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
 feed me till I want no more,  
 feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
 whence the healing stream doth flow;  
 let the fiery cloudy pillar  
 lead me all my journey through;  
 strong deliverer, strong deliverer.  
 be thou still my strength and shield,  
 be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 bid my anxious fears subside;  
 bear me through the swelling current,  
 land me safe on Canaan's side;  
 songs of praises, songs of praises,  
 I will ever give to thee,  
 I will ever give to thee.

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*Thank You*

*Thank you all for your kindness and support  
 There will be a private interment at a later date*



**Hwyl fawr ...**