



A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration  
for the life of

# The Rev'd Dr John Arthur Ponter

4<sup>th</sup> August 1937 - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Poole Crematorium, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
11.00am

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Entrance Music** – A brown bird singing, *Peggy Lee*

## **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

The Reverend Brigid Barrett

## **Hymn**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix us in thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

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 in to glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **Bible Reading**

Reading from the Gospel of St John  
Chapter 14, verses 1 ~ 6 and 27

<sup>14</sup>“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

<sup>2</sup>In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

<sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

<sup>4</sup>And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Address**

Reverend Brigid Barrett

**Reflection Music** – Aria, What is life to me without thee, *Kathleen Ferrier*

## **Prayers**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

## **Commendation**

## **Blessing**

**Exit Music** – St John Passion, *Crouch End Festival Chorus*

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