



A Service of Celebration for the life of

**The Reverend**  
**Margaret Haskell Mulraine**

27<sup>th</sup> January 1924 - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Poole Crematorium  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.00pm

## **An Introduction to Quaker Meeting for Worship**

Quaker Meetings are characteristically silent, as Friends join in a quiet search for the Spirit of Truth. When words are offered it is in a reverential spirit. Please do not be afraid to break the silence to offer some words. The meeting will close with the shaking of hands.

### **Entry Music**

Distant Land - John Rutter  
*Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and  
the Cambridge Singers*

### **Welcome**

Bob Jacob

### **Hymn**

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.

*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.

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

## **Reading**

The Final Offering by Rabindranath Tagore  
Read by Lewis Greaves

On the day when death will knock at my door what shall I offer him, either in the closing minutes of this, or in the opening minutes of my new birth, in the life beyond? I will set before him all the lovely things that I have seen; all the love I have received and given; all the insights of truth I have gathered, all the things I have valued and enjoyed; all the tasks completed or left for others; all my gratitude and love for the past; all my content in the present and my hope for the future. Above all I will offer my recognition of the Lord who has come in the guise of death, to lead me to the home he has prepared for me.

## **Margaret's Life**

Read by Penny Estall

## **Invitation to Contribute**

Bob Jacob

## **Reading**

You Would Know the Secret of Death by Kahlil Gibran  
Read by Marion Wood

And he said:

You would know the secret of death. But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life? The owl whose night-bound eyes are blind unto the day, cannot unveil the mystery of light. If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life. For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one. In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond; And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of spring. Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity. For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun? And what is it to cease breathing, but to free breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered? Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing. And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.

## Committal & Blessing

And now we commit Margaret to her eternal rest.

And this is the comfort of the good, that the grave cannot hold them, and that they live as soon as they die. For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity. Death, then, being the way and condition of life, we cannot love to live, if we cannot bear to die.

(William Penn 1693, Quaker Faith and Practice part of 22.95)

May we draw together as a community of people who knew and loved Margaret to uphold those who are bereft, cherishing her memory and supporting one another. The challenge now is to take Margaret's vitality out into the world as we remember her life, glad that she has found peace.

## Exit Music

*Ubi Caritas, Taize Community Choir*



Donations in memory of Margaret for The Church of St Nicholas, Arne may be sent to Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU.

Or made online at: [www.funeraldirector.co.uk/margaret-mulraine](http://www.funeraldirector.co.uk/margaret-mulraine)

Margaret's family wish to thank you for all your support, kind messages of sympathy and for attending this Service of Thanksgiving.

You are all warmly invited to The Willets Arms, 2 Oakley Hill, Wimborne, BH21 1RN for refreshment following this service.