



A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the life of

Douglas Edwin Axford

7th August 1932 - 6th December 2021

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF LADY ST MARY
WAREHAM

Tuesday 21st December
2:00pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Music

Pachelbel's Canon in D Major

Welcome & Opening Prayers

Reverend Helen Williams

Hymn

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art!
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And when I think that God his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great thou art

Poem

God's Garden

Read by Douglas's great niece Rose Butterfield

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Eulogy

Read by Douglas's great nephew George Axford

Bible Reading

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Address

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Poem

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

Commendation

Blessing

Exit Music

Friends and Neighbours, *Billy Cotton and his band*



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Or made online at: www.funeraldirector.co.uk/douglas-axford

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

You are all warmly invited to The Parish Hall on the Quay for refreshment following this service.