

A Service of Thanksgiving  
to Celebrate the Life of



# **Derek Thomas Marsh**

10th August 1935 ~ 1st May 2022

United Reformed Church  
Swanage

Thursday 19th May 2022  
11.30 am

*Reverend Martyn Needs*

## Opening Music

*'Lost Before I Found You' ~ Kenny O'Connell, Carl Davies, Lesley Kirby*

## Greeting

## Opening Prayer

## Hymn

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O though who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## Poem

*by David Harkins ~ read by Ned Fitzgerald*

You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

### **Bible Reading ~ Psalm 121**

**Tribute** ~ Reverend Tony Higgins

### **Address**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*concluding with 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, forever and ever, Amen.

### **Hymn**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down:  
fix in us 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.

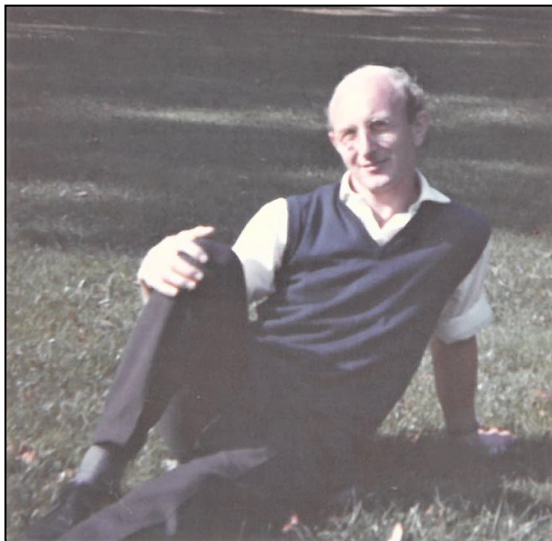
Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all Thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in Thee:  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
in wonder, love, and praise.

### **Commendation and Blessing**

### **Closing Music**

*'Johnny B. Goode' ~ Chuck Berry*



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