

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of



Salute!

Diana Jean Saville
'Di'

11th December 1933 ~ 2nd January 2024

St George's Church
Langton Matravers

Wednesday 24th January 2024
12.30 pm

Reverend James Mercer

Opening Music

*'In remembrance' ~ Eleonor Daly
sung by*

Naomi Saville, Nadine Rogers, Flo Gurung and Rose Schwietz

The Sentences

Welcome

Hymn

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
his army he shall lead
till ev'ry foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next, the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

Introduction

Eulogy

Reading

'Warning' ~ Jenny Joseph

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick flowers in other people's gardens
And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go
Or only bread and pickle for a week
And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry
And pay our rent and not swear in the street
And set a good example for the children.
We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practise a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

Reading

Psalm 23

Address

Reverend James Mercer

Hymn

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day

Choir Anthem

'If ye love me' ~ Thomas Tallis

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.

Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
He made them every one. *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Reading

'Do not stand at my grave and weep'

DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP

— ♦ —

Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

Commendation

Closing Music

Nellie the Elephant

The Committal

Godlingston Cemetery Meadowland

The Dismissal

The family invite you to join them for
refreshments after the ceremony at
The Village Hall
opposite the Church



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