



A Service of Celebration for the life of

Eric Roy Mills

8th June 1938 ~ 2nd April 2024

The Priory Church of Lady St Mary
Wareham

Friday 26th April 2024
2:00pm

Order of Service

Organist

Maurice Turner

Welcome and Notices

Sentences and Opening Prayer

Reverend Michael Young

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing:
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting king.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace

Family Tribute

Reflection Music and Slideshow

Sunshine on my shoulders, *John Denver*

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Poem

Family Tree

A limb has fallen from the family tree
I hear a voice that whispers, 'Grieve not for me'
Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs
The good I lived while I was strong
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you
Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest
Remembering all..... how I was truly blessed
Continue traditions, no matter how small
Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall
I miss you all dearly so keep up your chin
Until that fine day we're together again.

Bible Reading

John 14:1-7,27

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

14 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going. ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Address

Reverend Michael Young

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.

Commendation and Committal

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.

Blessing

Exit Music

In The Mood, *Glenn Miller*



Eric's family wish to express their appreciation for your presence here today and for the kind messages of sympathy received.

There will be a retiring collection in memory of Eric for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Donations may be sent to Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU or made online at: www.funeraldirector.co.uk/eric-mills

You are warmly invited to join the family to share memories and refreshments at The Bear. South Street, Wareham, BH20 4LT.

