In Loving Memory of



Raymond David Miles

20th May 1925 – 27th March 2023

Committal Service at Briwnant Chapel, Thornhill Crematorium Friday 14th April 2023 at 12.00 noon

Followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Birchgrove at 1.00 pm Led by Reverend Kofi Amissah



Committal at Crematorium

Entry Music Amazing Grace

Opening Sentences Reverend Kofi

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight Thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)
(Tune: Dominus Regit Me)

Prayer Reverend Kofi

Bible Reading Psalm 23

Bible Reading John, Chapter 14: verses 1-13

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 kindliness,
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.

Jan Struther (1901-53)

Committal

Exit Music
Theme from *Limelight*by Mantovani and His Orchestra



Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Church

Welcome and Sentences Reverend Kofi

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

(Tune: Gracias by Geoffrey Beaumont

Prayers Reverend Kofi

Eulogy

Visual Tribute

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 life 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,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

(Tune: Blaenwern)

Poem

Bible Reading Romans, Chapter 8: verses 35, 37-39

Sermon

I will sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me, How he left the realms of glory For the cross on Calvary:

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me, Sing it with his saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost; but Jesus found me, Found the sheep that went astray, Raised me up, and gently led me Back into the narrow way:

Faint was I, and fears possessed me,
Bruised was I from many a fall;
Hope was gone,
and shame distressed me;
But his love has pardoned all:

Days of darkness still come o'er me; Sorrow's paths I often tread; But the Saviour still is with me, By his hand I'm safely led:

He will keep me till the river Rolls its waters at my feet; Then he'll bear me safely over, Where the loved ones I shall meet:

Francis Harold Rawley (1854-1952)

(Tune: Calon Lan)

Final Prayers

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.
Feed me now and evermore.

Open thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream shall flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-91)

Benediction

(Tune: Cwm Rhondda)



The family would like to thank you for joining them today.

They warmly invite you to stay for light refreshments in the church hall after the Thanksgiving Service.

Donations in memory of Ray for **Blind Veterans UK**can be made after the service or c/o D. Caesar Jones Funeral Service.



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