

CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL  
NORTHLEACH

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF



**WILLIAM JOHN DANIEL WHITE**  
**(‘Bill’)**

13th February 1936 - 10th February 2023

Saturday 11th March 2023 at 2.30pm

## HYMN

‘All my hope on God is founded’

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

God’s great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store,  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th’ Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand, at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call, one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

## SENTENCE

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me,  
though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth  
in me shall never die.

## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

*The Revd Dr Nick Fisher,  
formerly Curate in the Northleach Benefice*

## TRIBUTE

*Chris Wood*

### ‘Sonnet for Bill’

*Written and read by Hamish Wilson*

## TRIBUTE

*Bobby Morgan*

## HYMN

‘Jesu, lover of my soul’

Jesu, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
more than all in thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art:  
freely let me take of thee,  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

## READING

Ecclesiastes 3. 1-8, 15

*Read by Jane Gunner*

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born and a time to die;  
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up;  
a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak;  
a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.  
That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks  
out what has gone by.

## PSALM 23

‘The Lord’s my Shepherd’

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;

He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e’en for his own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through death’s dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;

for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God’s house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

## **READING**

John 14. 1-6

*Read by Patsi Rainey*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

## **ANTHEM**

'God so loved the world'

*John Stainer*

## **REFLECTION AND 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

‘Thine be the glory’

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory . . . .*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory . . . .*

## BLESSING

### NUNC DIMITTIS

*Sung by the Choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the  
face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.



The retiring collection will be shared between the  
The Alzheimer's Society and Northleach Church

Members of the congregation are invited to take refreshments afterwards  
in the Cotswold Hall, West End