



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

————— FOR THE LIFE OF —————

KATHLEEN DICKSON  
'KAY'

6th October 1946 - 27th March 2020

St Hilda's Chapel, Teesside Crematorium

Tuesday 14th March 2020 at 1.15 pm

## ENTRY INTO THE CREMATORIUM

Antichi Ricordi

by Rondò Veneziano

### OPENING SENTENCE

“I am the resurrection and the life”, says the Lord,  
“Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

*John, Chapter 11: verses 25-26*

### OPENING PRAYERS

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised  
to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you.  
We have come here today to remember before God our sister  
Kay Dickson; to give thanks for her life;  
to commend her to God our merciful redeemer and judge;  
to commit her body to be cremated,  
And to comfort one another in our grief.

Merciful Father,  
hear our prayers and comfort us;  
renew our trust in your Son,  
whom you raised from the dead;  
strengthen our faith  
that all who have died in the love of Christ  
will share in his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit:  
one God now and for ever.  
Amen.

## READING

Psalm 121

*The Lord our protector*

I look to the mountains; where will my help come from?  
My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let you fall; your protector is always awake.

The protector of Israel never dozes or sleeps.

The Lord will guard you; he is by your side to protect you.

The sun will not hurt you during the day, nor the moon during the night.

The Lord will protect you from all danger; he will keep you safe.

He will protect you as you come and go, now and for ever.

## HOW TO REMEMBER

read by Sarah Craggs

You can shed tears that she is gone,

Or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back,

Or you can open your eyes and see what she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you cannot see her,

Or your heart can be full of the love 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 her and only that she is gone,

Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can close your mind, be empty and turn your back,

Or you can do what Kay would have wanted,

Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

## MUSIC

Toccata from *Symphony for Organ No. 5*  
by Charles-Marie Widor

## BIBLE READING

John, Chapter 6: verses 66-69  
by David Dickson

*During Kay's darkest hours of GBS, we were supported in love and prayer by so many people, but even then there were times when we despaired. We were eventually uplifted by the following verses from John's Gospel, Chapter 6: verses 66-69.*

*This follows a period when some of Jesus' supporters were beginning to struggle with the fact that following him would not be easy. The response from Peter in these verses gave us both hope for the future.*

Because of this, many of Jesus' followers turned back and would not go with him any further. So he asked the twelve disciples, "And you - would you also like to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. And now we believe and know that you are the Holy One who has come from God."

## SERMON

### PRAYERS

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.

Grant us, Lord, the wisdom and the grace to use aright  
the time that is left to us, here on earth.  
Lead us to repent of our sins,  
the evil we have done and the good we have not done;  
and strengthen us to follow the steps of your Son  
in the way that leads to the fullness of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### COMMENDATION

God our creator and redeemer,  
By your power Christ conquered death  
And entered into glory.  
Confident of his victory and claiming his promises,  
We entrust Kay to your mercy  
In the name of Jesus our Lord,  
Who died and is alive  
And reigns with you,  
Now and for ever.  
Amen.

### COMMITTAL

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy;  
Slow to anger and of great goodness.  
As a father is tender towards his children:  
So is the Lord tender to those that fear him.  
For he knows of what we are made:  
He remembers that we are but dust.  
Our days are like the grass;  
We flourish like a flower of the field;  
When the wind goes over it it is gone:  
And its place will know it no more.  
But the merciful goodness of the Lord  
Endures for ever and ever  
Toward those that fear him:  
And his righteousness upon their children's children.

*Psalm 103: verses 13-17*

We have entrusted our sister Kay to God's mercy,  
And we now commit her body to be cremated:  
Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,  
In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who will transform our frail bodies  
That they may be conformed to his glorious body,  
Who died, was buried and rose again for us.  
To him by glory for ever. Amen.

### **FINAL PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

Heavenly Father,  
In your Son Jesus Christ  
You have given us a true faith and a sure hope.  
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,  
That we may live as those who believe in  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins  
And the resurrection to eternal life;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

May God give you  
His comfort and his peace,  
His light and his joy,  
In this world and the next;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be upon you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

### **EXIT FROM CREMATORIUM**

Highland Cathedral  
by Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb  
played by The Gaelforce Orchestra



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