

Aylsham Methodist Church



A Service of Thanksgiving for The Life of

**Joan Mary Bellaby**

15<sup>th</sup> June 1923 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**at 11am**

# *Order of Service*

## Processional Music

*Nimrod*

### Welcome

*by Reverend Sharon Thraves*

### Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee 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 forever,  
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, in the height, 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.

## Prayers

### The Eulogy

*read by Ray Horne*

### Hymn

In heavenly love abiding,  
No change my heart shall fear;  
And safe is such confiding,  
That nothing changes here:  
The storm may roar without me,  
My heart may low be laid;  
But God is round about me,  
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,  
No want shall turn me back;  
My Shepherd is beside me,  
And nothing can I lack:  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
His sight is never dim;  
He knows the way he taketh,  
And I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,  
Which yet I have not seen;  
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
Where darkest clouds have been;  
My hope I cannot measure,  
My path to life is free;  
My Saviour has my treasure,  
And he will walk with me.

## **Memories**

*from grandchildren and great grandchildren*

*Delia – read by Bella*

*Leila*

*Imogen & Daniel*

*Charlotte*

## **Bible Reading**

*1 Corinthians Chapter 13, Verses 1 - 13*

*read by Charlotte*

## **The Homily**

## **Prayers concluding with 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.

## **Poem – You Can Shed Tears That She Has Gone**

*read by Sue & Frank*

## Hymn

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

## Blessing

### Recessional Music

*Christ Triumphant Ever Reigning*

*Following the service, the family extend a warm welcome for you to join them in the Methodist Church Hall to continue sharing your own memories of Joan over light refreshments.*



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