

FUNERAL SERVICE
FOR

DAME PATRICIA ROUTLEDGE DBE
17TH FEBRUARY 1929 – 3RD OCTOBER 2025



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025
1.00PM



Front cover: Hattie Miles
Inside front cover: The Rivals - John Timbers

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by The Dean of Chichester, The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler

THE ENTRANCE

Please stand as the procession enters. The organist plays

AIR *from* SUITE NO. 3 IN D MAJOR
BWV 1068

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Dean welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

HYMN

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.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust;
but God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

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 man 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.

NEH 333

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

based on Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Michael

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE COLLECT

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that Patricia, and 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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

POEM

Extract from
AUGURIES OF INNOCENCE
Read by Peter Bourke

William Blake (1757-1827)

Joy and woe are woven fine,
A clothing for the soul divine.
Under every grief and pine
Runs a joy with silken twine.
It is right it should be so;
Man was made for joy and woe;
And when this we rightly know,
Through the world we safely go.

READING

ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-8

Read by Matthew Sims

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which 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 cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

CHOIR

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

READING

MATTHEW 5: 1 - 12

Read by The Reverend Ish Smale

Seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

TRIBUTE

The Very Reverend Nicholas Frayling
Dean Emeritus of Chichester

ORGAN REFLECTION

WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN *BWV 641*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler

Please stand.

HYMN

O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

Common Praise 542
George Matheson (1842-1906)

St Margaret
Albert L. Peace (1844-1912)

THE PRAYERS

Led by The Reverend Canon David Nason

Please sit or kneel. The Prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer:

All **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.**

Please stand.

CHOIR

As the choir sings, Patricia's coffin is incensed as a sign of prayer for her, and sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of her baptism.

Lux aeterna luceat eis Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Let eternal light shine upon them, O Lord,
with thy saints for ever, for thou art good.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Please remain standing for

THE COMMENDATION

Let us commend Patricia to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

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 Patricia to your mercy
in the name of Jesus our Lord,
who died and is alive and reigns with you,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

NEH 252

John Ellerton (1826-1893)

St Clement

Clement Scholefield (1839-1904)

THE BLESSING

The Lord Bishop of Chichester, The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner, says

May God give us 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 among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the coffin departs, and the choir sings

Deep peace of the running wave to you;
deep peace of the flowing air to you;
deep peace of the quiet earth to you;
deep peace of the shining stars to you;
deep peace of the gentle night to you;
moon and stars pour their healing light on you;
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you;
deep peace of Christ to you.

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

CLOSING MUSIC

ALLEGRO MAESTOSO *from* SONATA FOR ORGAN Op. 28
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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