Su Summers

15 Sept 1949—5 Sept 2020

The coffin enters the churchyard

Su and Ian met as members of the orchestra in a concert in Hemel Hempstead on 11 Nov 1972 — One of the items was "Rejoice in the Lord Always" by Purcell, so it is fitting that their life together should be remembered by some more music by Purcell — the final Lament and Chorus from Dido and Aeneas. This has been arranged for and played on five bassoons by Ian. The words from the opera are as follows:

When I am laid in earth, may my wrongs create no trouble in thy breast. Remember me! but ah! forget my fate.

With drooping wings ye Cupids come, and scatter roses o'er her tomb, soft and gentle as her heart; Keep here your watch, and never part.

Opening Sentences

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Collect

Poem If you wish — recently written by Su for Ian; read by her sister Chris

Remember me

In the wind in the trees and the russet colours of autumn; In the wild flowers and the nesting birds in spring; In summer the shade of trees and sunlight filtering through; And in winter the sharp frost on the ground.

Remember me

Looking at the starry skies and the moon in all its phases And hearing the owl call.

But you, my dearest love, Remember me In music shared, Where it all began And where it led us, together.

And look no further than within yourself, for I shall always be there in your heart. My hand in yours.

Smile, be happy, live on, For both of us.

Reflection

Reading

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; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

The Address by The Reverend Michael Cartwright

The Prayers

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 This was the processional hymn at Su and Ian's wedding on 28 July 1973

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me his praises sing. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the everlasting King!

Angels, help us to 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 with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1834)

Commendation

The Committal

Closing Prayer

Support us, O Lord,

all the day long of this troublous life,

until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,

the busy world is hushed.

the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,

a holy rest, and peace at the last;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing

Concluding Music

Played on the 'cello by Mark — L'Air Mignon; and The Hundred Pipers

Ian, Ben and Mark would like to thank all for their support and love these last few weeks and months. In the current circumstances we are not able to have a wake after the service.