

**THE FUNERAL
OF
ALAN GRAINGER FAIRBRASS**
5th October 1932 – 17th March 2020



**The West London Crematorium
20th April 2020**



ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by the Revd Roderick Leece

ENTRY MUSIC

“Nimrod” from “The Enigma Variations”

By Sir Edward Elgar

The Sentences

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.

John 11:25-26

I know that my redeemer liveth, and he that shall stand up at the last upon the earth: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19:25-27

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33:27

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

Let your heart not be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions.

John 14:1

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

(Please see accompanying hymn-sheet)

Reading: 1 Corinthians, 13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways!

**Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**

**Breath through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake and the fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

*(John Greenleaf Whittier,
adapt. Garrat Horder: Hubert Parry)*

Appreciation: Neville Watson

Reading: Revelation 2:19 & 21:1-7

I know thy works and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Address: Charlotte Kenyon

Hymn: Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven

(Please see accompanying hymn-sheet)

Prayers

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give Thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver this our brother **Alan** out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee, that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we. With all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Father of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them Thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in Thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of Thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

**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 the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless
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 !
Widely as His mercy flows.**

**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.**

Farewell: Jules Dawton

The Commendation and Committal

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear brother here departed: we therefore commit his 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 shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself. Amen.

Go forth O Christian soul in the name of Jesus Christ, who redeemed you, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, which sanctified you. May the Angels of God receive you into paradise, the Saints and Martyrs surround you and the whole company of the blessed rejoice with you now and for evermore. **Amen.**

The Blessing



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