



*To Celebrate  
the Life of*

*Bill Forde MBE*

10th November 1942 - 17th July 2021

Friday 6th August 2021

St Joseph's Church, Keighley at 10.45 am  
followed by committal at  
Skipton Crematorium at 12.30 pm

# *Order of Service*

## RECEPTION

*Please stand*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the Holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.

*William Blake (1757-1827)*

## OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

*Please remain standing*

Father Tony will begin the Mass with the Opening Prayer,  
at the end of which the response is '**Amen.**'

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING

from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**



## THE GOSPEL READING

*Please stand*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus said to his disciples:*

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father’s house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going,  
so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.’

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

*Please be seated*

*as Father Tony speaks for a short time on the Scriptures*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Please respond as Father Tony indicates*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREFACE

*Father Tony*

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say...

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION

Music followed by

Be My Life

*sung by Kay Langford*

## PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

*Please stand*

At the end the response is '**Amen.**'

## FINAL COMMENDATION

*Please stand*

*as Father Tony says the final prayers and the coffin  
is blessed with Holy Water and incense.*

## CLOSING HYMN

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:  
*Then sings my soul...*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;  
*Then sings my soul...*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!  
*Then sings my soul...*

*Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)*

Bill's family would like to thank you for taking the time to be here today and for all the kind messages and support given to them over the loss of Bill.

Donations, if desired, will go to the  
**Walk With William Trust**  
via <https://walkwithwilliam.muchloved.com/>  
raising money for Guide Dogs  
in memory of Bill.