

A Service to Celebrate the Life
of



George Richard 'Dick' Bell

13th September 1920 - 13th February 2022

Friday 11th March 2022
at 10.00 am

Landican Centre Chapel

Order of Service

ENTRANCE MUSIC

Pie Jesu

by Andrew Lloyd Webber

OPENING PRAYERS

by Right Reverend John D. Hayden

VERSE AND SCRIPTURE

MEMORIES OF GEORGE

read by Right Reverend John D. Hayden

POEM
The Ending Of The Day by G. R. Bell

Time is slipping by my love,
Quietly, remorselessly, time is slipping by.
Towards the ending of our day
And in the quiet moments
As we approach the evening of our lives,
I often think of times we spent
Cradled in the peace of Lakeland's tranquil land.
That ageless bridge which links time past
With time still yet to come,
And I recall the hills,
The ever changing hills that never change.
The swirling mists, the driving rain,
The sunlight dancing on the waters of the lake,
Stirred by the soft blown breeze.
The lonely tarns, the crags,
So many memories come thrusting in, but yet,
One thought transcends them all.
The time we spent on Loughrigg's friendly slopes
And watched the ending of the day.
The daily sounds of people, toiling at their work and play
Unnoticed died away, and silent colours of the evening
Slowly took their place.
The changing shades were never still
As time went slipping by, as daylight ebbed away.
The silence falling from the peaks, deepened,
As the hills lay down to sleep,
And all was dark and still.
How beautiful it was my love, yet
In this stillness so profound.
We both became aware of quiet noise,
The faintest rustle of the grass,
As creatures of the night
Performed their ordained tasks.
The muted cry of some far distant bird,
And closer still the ceaseless running of a hidden stream
All proclaimed that life goes on, stirred the hope
That soon there'll dawn another day,
A brighter day.
When Lakeland's peace will with us stay,
For evermore
And all will be so calm and still.

HYMN
I Vow To Thee My Country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

PRAYERS

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.

COMMITTAL

EXIT MUSIC

Nimrod
by Edward Elgar



Valentine by G. R. Bell

When hand in hand we walked
Fingers interlocked
We were content.

When arm in arm we strolled
There was no need for words.

When we embraced
Your fragrant hair
Lay soft against my face
And young love sparkled in our eyes.
But, that was nineteen forty eight.

And now,

When hand in hand we walk
Fingers interlocked
We are content.

When arm in arm we stroll
There is no need for words.

When we embrace
Your silver hair
Lies soft against my face
And through our eyes the old love shines.
Young love, old love,
Real love will never change.

All the family thank you for attending today and
for your kind words of comfort and condolence.

You are warmly invited for refreshments at
4 Brookside Drive, Upton CH49 4LH

Donations, if desired, in memory of George to the
RAF Benevolent Fund
c/o Alex Taylor, Old Greasby Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 6LT.



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