

St John's Church, Harpenden
A Service to Celebrate the Life of



Janet Carruthers

23rd July 1936 —16th March 2021

Monday 12th April at 12 noon

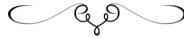
Service conducted by

Mrs. Lauryn Awbrey, Reader, St John's Church



ENTRY MUSIC

J.S. Bach: St. Matthew Passion - Receive me, my Redeemer



Introductory Sentences and Welcome



Opening prayers



Hymn

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Soloist: Nina Vinther

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
 Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
 Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
 Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
 Thinking that never he would awake again,
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
 Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
 Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
 Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
 Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
 Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
 Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

EUOLOGY AND TRIBUTES

Wendy Carruthers

Philip Carruthers

John Potter



BIBLE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11, 14

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what 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 throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, 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 for war, and a time for peace.

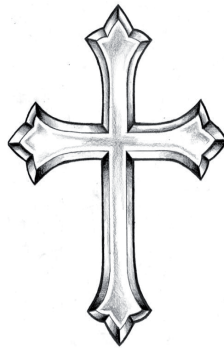
He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ...

I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

PRAYERS

Which conclude with 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.



Hymn

Abide with Me

Soloist: Nina Vinther

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

COMMENDATION AND COMMITTAL

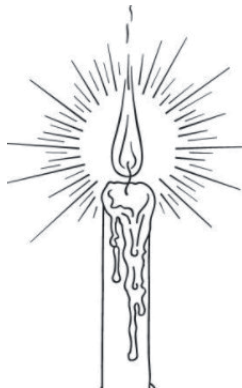


BLESSING



CLOSING MUSIC

J.S. Bach: St. Matthew Passion - O Father, Let Thy will be done



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