



Helen Olive Robinson

19th November 1949 – 20th June 2021

Funeral Service, Monday 19th July 2021 at 11.15am

All Saints Church, Maldon

Service led by Reverend Asa Humphreys

Music as the cortège enters

A Gaelic Blessing, John Rutter

Welcome and Introductory Prayers

Reverend Asa Humphreys

Tributes

Alan and Keith Rowland

Andrea and Alan



Hymn

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.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

J.G. Whittier, C.H.H Parry arr. Michael Fleming



Reading

Romans 8: 31 – 39 read by Vicky Tropman

Address

Reverend Asa Humphreys

Prayers

Led by Lydia Robinson

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
in 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

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found -
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.



Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned:
How awesome is the sight -
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace -
No work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

David Evans © Thankyou Music

Prayers of Commendation

Reverend Asa Humphreys

Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture -
in the body and the blood -
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High.

French Carol Melody, Liturgy of St. James tr. G Moultrie



A private committal will follow at Chelmsford Crematorium.

Music at the committal

In Christ Alone, Getty & Townend (Recorded by Jones & Watson)
What a Wonderful World, Thiele & Weiss (recorded by Melua & Cassidy)

Helen was born on 19 November 1949 at Brooklands Nursing Home in London Road, Chelmsford to parents Cliff and Helen Rowland. She lived for the first seven years of her life with her parents and brothers in Embankment Terrace. From the local Cathedral Junior School, Helen went on to attend Rainsford High School by which time the family had moved to a larger house in Hill Road, Springfield.

After leaving school, Helen was employed by Mr. Rayner at his chemist shop in Moulsham Street, Chelmsford as a trainee dispenser whilst studying on a day release basis at Southend Technical College. It was in the mid-1960s that she met Dennis, her husband-to-be. They married on 30 May 1970 in Chelmsford Cathedral and set up home initially in Primrose Hill,

Chelmsford. They had two children, Andrea born in 1972 and after moving to Great Yeldham, Alan in 1975. The family spent eleven happy years in North Essex before moving into a new property in Limbourne Drive, Heybridge in 1983. Dennis sadly died in December 1994. Helen remained in the family home and continued to enjoy the area.

The Maldon Promenade Park was a particularly special place to her and her family.

Helen worked in an office for ICS in Heybridge, before becoming an administrator in the motor trade - a job she loved. She worked for Houldings Rover Dealership in Heybridge for many years and later at Lookers Volvo in Chelmsford. Before retiring, Helen also worked at Marks and Spencers in Maldon.

Helen was a committed member of All Saints Church in Maldon for more than three decades. She served on the PCC and sang in the choir which she thoroughly enjoyed until her worsening illness prevented participation. Helen was a keen gardener and was talented at needlework and baking. She made extraordinary cakes for many a celebration, as well as many other delicious treats. Helen loved helping others and, following retirement, volunteered in both of the schools that Andrea and Alan work at.

Helen will be sadly missed by all her family and her many friends.



Thank you to all who have attended today and warm wishes to all who have not been able to join us but have been here in spirit.

We are grateful for all of your support and your kind words and messages during this time.

If desired, donations can be made in memory of Helen for Cancer Research UK and Farleigh Hospice. Visit <http://www.agsmithfunerals.co.uk/donations> or contact Andrea or Alan if you wish to make a donation.

The artwork within this order of service was painted by Andrea for her mum during her illness.

