

The Chesil Suite

Chesil House



A Service to Celebrate the Life of

Olwen Davies

21st March 1926 – 21st June 2020

Thursday 9th July 2020

Entrance Music

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring *JS Bach Organist Parley Belnap*

The Gathering

'I am the resurrection and the life', says the Lord.
'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'
John 11.25,26

God is our refuge and strength, a very present hope in trouble.
Psalms 46.1

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5.4

Introduction

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have not made us for darkness and death But for life with you for ever. As we remember Olwen, look with compassion on us in our loss; Give to troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen us in the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Psalm 121 to be said by everyone

*I lift up my eyes to the hills
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper;
The LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.*

Tributes to Olwen from her professional life

Reading

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself.

Wisdom 3, 1 - 5

Tributes to Olwen from family and friends

Music for Reflection

Taken from Violin Concert, 2nd Movement, Delius; soloist Yehudi Menuhin, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Meredith Davies

Prayers

God of mercy, God of life, You have made us in your own image To reflect your truth and light; We give you thanks for Olwen, for all she meant to so many and for all her contributions to those with whom she worked and lived, for all that was good in his life, and for the memories we treasure today. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,
Whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, Surround Olwen's family with your love, That they may be supported in their loss, And have confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the days to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God,
As you bring us face to face with our mortality,
We thank you for making each one of us in your own image And giving us gifts in body, mind and spirit. We thank you now as we honour the memory of Olwen, Whom you gave to us and have taken away.
We entrust her to your mercy, And pray that you will show us the path of life, And the fullness of joy in your presence through all eternity. **Amen.**

We say together:

*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.*

The Commendation

Olwen has fallen asleep in the peace of Christ. We entrust her, with faith and hope in everlasting life, to the love and mercy of our Father and surround her with our love and prayers. **Amen.**

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening, into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. **Amen.**

Committal

We have entrusted Olwen's body to God's mercy,
and we now commit her 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 will transform our frail bodies
that they may be conformed to his glorious body,
Who died, was buried and rose again for us,
To Him be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; Render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted. Honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us all, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Exit Music

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
Williams: Fron Male Voice Choir



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