

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

# Pat McKerrow



Friday 20th August 2021 at 2pm

St. Andrew's and St. George's West Parish Church

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REV COLIN DOUGLAS, ST ANDREW'S AND ST GEORGE'S WEST

**Order of Service**

## **Introit**

*Be Still*

**Welcome** Rev Colin Douglas

### **Opening Responses**

**Creation In All Its Glory**  
**Written by Pat McKerrow**

The song of the birds  
The bees all a-buzz  
The crash of the waves  
The call of the wild.

**Leader: We see before us Lord**  
**All: Creation in all its glory.**

A butterfly's wings  
A feather-filled nest  
A carpet of petals  
A silky wet web.

**Leader: We see before us Lord**  
**All: Creation in all its glory.**

From wren to an eagle  
From vole to red deer  
From mountain and village  
From rivers to shores.

**Leader: We see before us Lord**  
**All: Creation in all its glory.**

The smell of wild flowers  
The sight of God's creatures  
The rainbow's bright colours  
The sunset's fine hues.

**Leader: We see before us Lord**  
**All: Creation in all its glory.**

The beauty of nature  
The boost for the soul  
The richness of heaven  
The presence on earth.

**Leader: We see before us Lord  
All: Creation in all its glory**

**Hymn 694 Brother, sister let me serve you**

Brother, sister, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I  
may have the grace to Let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, And companions on the road; We are here  
to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I'll laugh with you; I  
will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony, Born of all  
we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I  
may have the grace to Let you be my servant too.

## **Prayer**

Creator of All,

We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community.

Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Reading**

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a, 13

## **Anthem**

*God So Loved The World*

## **Tributes**

Mary Godden

Rev Stewart MacGregor

### **Hymn 493 It's Me, O Lord**

*It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

Not my mother or my father, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my mother or my father, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother or my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother or my sister but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not the stranger or the neighbour, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not the stranger or the neighbour, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

**Eternal**

by Pat McKerrow

Music by Giorgos Tsiris and Pat McKerrow

Liz Landsman with Drew Crichton

**Reflection**

Visual Presentation

**Remembering Pat**

**Music**

*Goin' Home sung by Paul Robeson*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all grace,  
We thank you that you sent your Son, Jesus  
To break the power of death  
And bring life and immortality to light  
Through the gospel.  
He shared our life,  
Took upon himself our death,  
And opened the kingdom of heaven  
To all believers.  
Look not on us:  
But on us as found in him,  
And bring us safely through the judgement  
To the joy and peace of your presence.

Eternal God,  
You hold all souls in life,  
We praise you for those  
Who have shared this earthly life with us,  
And have entered into eternal life with you.  
Especially we thank you for Pat,  
For all that made her special,  
All that you gave her and accomplished in her,  
All that she meant to those who loved her.

We remember with gratitude her love for life and the natural world.  
How she appreciated this earth in exactly the way you intended it for us  
all Lord.

Her wonderful creativity and boundless love.  
Her passion for wildlife, photography, music, theatre and writing.  
She especially loved her home,  
And the loving sanctuary it was for her, James and her beautiful cats.  
We thank God for the life of Pat McKerrow.

Amen.

### **Hymn 154 How Great Thou Art**

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:

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:

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!



## **Blessing**

Goodness of sea be yours!  
Goodness of earth be yours!  
Goodness of heaven!

Each day be joyous to you;  
No day be grievous to you;  
Loving and sharing!

Peace between neighbours,  
Peace between kindred,  
Peace between lovers,  
The Peace of Christ above all peace!

God be with you protecting,  
Jesus with you directing,  
The spirit with you strengthening,  
Today, tonight and for evermore!  
Amen

## **Organ Voluntary**

### Speaking to Jesus...

I'd like to speak to Jesus  
But I'm really not sure how  
I'd like to say a 'thank you'  
That's all I know for now.

I'll make a list for next time  
The things I want to share  
For Jesus is my always friend  
And he needs to know I care.

So many things to tell him  
So many things he knows  
I won't keep any secrets  
From my life's highs and lows.

He loves me when I'm happy  
He loves me if I'm sad  
He'll smile with me tomorrow  
When he sees me being glad.

In time I'll know him better  
And I'll walk with him all day  
I'll feel his arms around me  
As he guides me on my way.

I'd like to speak to Jesus  
Well maybe this is how  
Maybe I've just done it  
Right here. This moment. Now.

*Pat McKerrow*

The family thank you for your presence here today, and would be delighted to see as many of you as possible in the George Hotel, Hannover Room, after the service.

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