

Funeral Service

Valerie S Vellacott

28th January 1943 – 24th October 2016



3rd November 2016 at Forfar Community Church

Service conducted by Rev Brian Mulraine

Music before service: Saint-Saens' Symphony No 3 in C minor

followed by a piano medley of favourite hymns

Musicians: Peter Vellacott and Lydia Liebi

Opening Sentences

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known
Where faithful ones from every tongue
Will one day come
Before the Son we'll stand
Made faultless through the Lamb
Believing hearts find promised grace
Salvation comes

Hear heaven's voices sing
Their thunderous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise
All glory, wisdom, power
Strength, thanks and honour are
To God our King who reigns on high
For evermore

And there we'll find our home
Our life before the throne
We'll honour Him in perfect song
Where we belong
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die
The Lamb comes as our Shepherd King
We'll reign with him.

Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 50-57

David Wharton

Reflections - Dr Sarah Zurbuchen and Mrs Elizabeth Hedley-Smith

Testimonials

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Address – Rev Andrew Rollinson

I cannot tell why He Whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world is King!

Closing sentences and Benediction

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To our dearest Valerie:

"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith,
your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in
our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1: 3

"He will wipe every tear from your eyes. There will be no more death or
mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."
Revelation 21: 4

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You are welcome to come to the graveside at Piper's Hillock (map
available after the service) but please allow closer family to park nearest
to the graveyard as parking is limited. All are cordially invited to join us
for buffet-style refreshments at Forfar Golf Club about 2 pm but a cuppie
will be available there from about 1 pm for those who wish to go earlier.
The Golf Club is about 1 mile out of Forfar on the right on the A932
Arbroath Road.