

Funeral Service

Valerie S Vellacott

28<sup>th</sup> January 1943 – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016



3<sup>rd</sup> 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.