

# Rebecca Mary Lewis

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9 March 1975 - 18 February 2021

Service of Celebration  
Saturday 6 March 2021 at 2pm

#BeMoreBex

## **Entrance Music**

Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter by John Williams

## **Welcome**

Revd Stuart Radcliffe

## **Hymn**

Thine be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing;  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

## **Prayers**

### **A Mother's Thoughts**

Mary Lewis

### **Bible Reading**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 read by Hannah Lewis

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

## **Tribute**

Revd Bryony Taylor

## **Hymn**

This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace; this is unfailing love  
That You would take my place; that You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free  
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

## **Poem**

*I Am Free* read by Justine McNinch

Don't grieve too long, for now I'm free,  
I'm following paths God made for me.  
I took his hand, I heard him call,  
Then turned, and bid farewell to all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found my peace at close of day.

And if my parting left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys:  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened... deep with sorrow  
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savoured much:  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me:  
God wanted me, he set me free.

### **Bible Reading**

John 10: 7-10 read by Erika Harno

Jesus said, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

### **Address**

Andrew Graystone

### **Prayers**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## Hymn

### 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 I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

## Commendation

## Blessing

## Departure Music

Trumpet Voluntary by Jeremiah Clarke

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Rebecca will be buried at her parents' home church in Suffolk,  
following a private service for the family.

## Thank You

Bex's parents, Gerald and Mary, would like to thank all her friends and colleagues for the heart-warming outpouring of appreciation and sympathy, and for the practical support given.

In these strange times, we are not able to join in congregational singing, so we are grateful to Cherry and Olly Hamilton for singing and playing on our behalf. Those of us who can gather in church are joined by many more who are with us online.



If you would like to make a donation in Bex's memory, please visit <http://www.bexlewis.muchloved.com>. All donations to **Breast Cancer Now** made here will go to research into metastatic breast cancer.