

A Service to Celebrate  
the Life of  
**Evelyn Lilian Skinner**  
3rd September 1930 ~ 1st November 2024



Trinity Methodist Church, Storrington  
Thursday 5th December 2024  
1:00pm

Service conducted by The Reverend Steven Donnison

# Order of Service

## Entry Music

Organist

## Welcome and Gathering Prayer

### Hymn

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me; and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

## Eulogy and Memories

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Revelation 21: 1~7**

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

### **1 Corinthians 1: 18~25**

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**Address**

## Hymn

On a hill far away  
Stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I loved that old cross  
Where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
'Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

Oh that old rugged cross,  
So despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me:  
for the dear Lamb of God  
Left his glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

In the old rugged cross,  
Stained with blood so divine.  
A wondrous beauty I see.  
For 'twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross  
I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.  
Then he'll call me some day  
To my home far away  
There his glory for ever I'll share.

## Prayer of Thanks and The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit!  
O what needless pain we bear!  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## Commendation and Committal

### Blessing

### Closing Music

The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves, Verdi



You are warmly invited to gather after the service  
for refreshments in the church hall.

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