

A Service in Celebration of the Life of
SARAH LOUISE BESTON

15.1.1973 to 8.7.2021

Christ Church Orpington
4th September 2021

O Magnum Mysterium – M Lauridsen
Choir

I Was Glad – H Parry
Choir

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Rev'd Dr Sharon Smith

Hymn:

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand, at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call, one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Nick Beston

Sarah's favourite Hymn:

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here, in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin, on him, was laid
Here, in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground, his body lay
Light of the world, by darkness, slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Could ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here, in the power of Christ, I stand

Ben Carr

Hymn:

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten, or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servants be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Reading: Alexander Gordon-Wood

*"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit."*

- Jeremiah 17:7-8

*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!"*

- Revelation 21:1-5a

Address

Rev'd Dr Sharon Smith

Te Deum - W Walton

Choir

Prayers

Rev'd Dr Jenny Warrington

Hymn:

(verses 3 and 4 choir only please)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Prayer and Blessing

Nick and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, gifts and support over recent weeks and to you all for being here today to celebrate Sarah's life.

After the service you are invited to join us for refreshments in the church hall.

Downstairs in the undercroft there will be games and activities for the children.

Also in the church hall there are family photo albums with thousands of images that Sarah put together for you to enjoy.

To make a donation in memory of Sarah there are boxes as you leave the church or to donate online please go to:

www.nickbeston.com/sarah

Donations will be shared between Brain Tumour Research and the Bromley Youth Music Trust.

Thank you.

Many thanks to all the musicians who have performed today especially conductor Philip Berg and organist Lucy Morrell.

*Hymn brass arrangements and William Walton
Te Deum arranged by Alfie Beston.*

