[Front cover as *per* Allan Donoghue’s instructions]

# Order of Service

**Introit Music:** Tchaikovsky’s First Piano Concerto

#### **Introduction and Opening Prayers**

**All:** **Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**  **Amen**

Hymn:Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same;

his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

to children’s children and for evermore.

**The Scriptural Readings:** 1 Corinthians 13

John 14. 1-6

**The Eulogy** including a poem written by Kate

**Hymn:**I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,

casting its shadow near;

and on this morning, bright though it be,

I feel those shadows near me.

*But you are always close to me,*

*following all my ways.*

*May I be always close to you,*

*following all your ways, Lord.*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds

warming the earth below;

and at the mid-day life seems to say:

"I feel your brightness near me."

*But you are always close to me ...*

I watch the sunset fading away

lighting the clouds with sleep;

and as the evening closes its eyes

I feel your presence near me.

*But you are always close to me ...*

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,

waiting till morning comes.

The air is silent, earth is at rest -

only your peace is near me.

*But you are always close to me ...*

**A Poem:** Come Softly Lord

Come softly Lord

And put your arms around us

That we may gather strength

For all that lies ahead.

Tread softly Lord

But let us feel you near us

And if we falter then

Take us by the hand.

Speak softly Lord

But always let us hear you

And in your word find

Comfort, strength and hope.

Come softly Lord

and in our sorrows and our sadness

lift and sustain us with your love

Come softly Lord.

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer:**

## Each section concludes:

Lord, in your mercy

***All: hear our prayer.***

## After the final section:

**God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

All: 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:**  And did those feet in ancient time

walk upon England's mountains green?

And was the holy Lamb of God

on England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the countenance divine

shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here

among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!

Bring me my arrows of desire!

Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!

Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,

nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,

till we have built Jerusalem

in England's green and pleasant land.

**The Commendation:** *(please remain standing)*

Priest: Let us commend Vera to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer.

*After sprinkling the coffin and prayer of blessing:*

**All: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Music:** *We’ll meet again* sung by Vera Lynn

[Allan Donoghue has a poem/prayer for the back cover]