Introit music: *Blue Danube Waltz* by Johann Straus

#### **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: ONE more step along the world I go,

one more step along the world I go;

from the old things to the new,

keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;*

*keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,

more and more about the world I learn;

all the new things that I see

you'll be looking at along with me. *And it's from the old …*

As I travel through the bad and good,

keep me travelling the way I should;

where I see no way to go

you'll be telling me the way, I know: *And it's from the old …*

Give me courage when the world is rough,

keep me loving though the world is tough;

leap and sing in all I do,

keep me travelling along with you: *And it's from the old …*

You are older than the world can be,

you are younger than the life in me;

ever old and ever new,

keep me travelling along with you. *And it's from the old …*

**The Scriptural Reading:** John 14. 1-6

**The Eulogy** including a tribute by Anita’s daughter, Tracey

**Reflection:** *Love you so* by Free

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer:**

*After “Lord, in your mercy”, please respond by saying: “****Hear our prayer”***

**Hymn:** I danced in the morning when the world was begun,

and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,

and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;

at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;*

*I am the Lord of the dance, said he,*

*and I’ll lead you all wherever you may be,*

*and I’ll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,

but they would not dance and they wouldn’t follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;

they came with me and the Dance went on:

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;

the holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,

and they left me there on a cross to die. *Dance, then…*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;

it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I’d gone;

but I am the Dance and I still go on. *Dance, then…*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;

I am the life that will never, never die;

I’ll live in your if you’ll live in me:

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he: *Dance, then…*

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

**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.**

Final music: *Smile* by Nat King Cole