The procession enters to Eva Cassidy, Songbird Please sit once the family are seated.

**Introduction**

**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.**

**The Ministry of the Word**

**Hymn:** ‘The Lord’s my shepherd

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.

***The Scriptural Reading***

*From 1 Peter 1 Verses 3 - 9*

*All: Thanks be to God*

**The Address** *including tributes given by Mr Steve Deakin (MBE) and Mr Geoff Woods*

***Reflection:*** *Song by Miss Whitney Houston – I will always love you.*

**The Prayers:**

## Each section concludes:

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

**The Lord’s Prayer –** Our Father who art in heaven

**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;

*Then sings my soul ...*

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:

*Then sings my soul ...*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!

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

*Then sings my soul ...*

**Commendation and Farewell**

**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

**Blessing**

**Final Music. Gerry and Pacemakers –*I’ll Never Walk Alone.***