



**A service of thanksgiving
for the lives of John and Dorothy Dennis
(1931–2020)**

**Wednesday 14 October, 11 am
St Paul's Church, Winchester**

Music before the service

Duos by George Philip Telemann; trio sonatas by William Boyce
J. S. Bach, Concerto for two violins in D minor, 2nd movement
Violins: David Blunt and Ursula Payne; keyboard: Ian Rees

Introit

Arthur Bliss, *A Fanfare*
Organist: Ian Rees

Welcome, sentences and prayer

Canon Peter Seal

Hymn

*As singing isn't currently allowed, please read the words
silently; these hymns were chosen by Dorothy*

God is love: let heaven adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the human soul,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides and heals and makes us whole.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874–1939)

Reading

read by Charlie Dennis

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lack'd anything.

'A guest', I answer'd, 'worthy to be here':
 Love said, 'You shall be he'.
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
 'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve'.
'And know you not', says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
 'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down', says Love, 'and taste my meat'.
 So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert (1593–1632)

Tribute

John and Peter Dennis

Hymn

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Reading

read by Althea Strzebrakowska

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’

John 14: 1–6, 27

Sermon

Bishop Robert Atwell

Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b. 1957)

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Brother Sam SSF

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Sydney Carter (1915–2004)

Prayers of commendation and commitment

Canon Peter Seal

Music

Benjamin Britten, *Fanfare for St Edmundsbury*

Blessing

Bishop Tim Dakin

Recessional

Sigfrid Karg-Elert, chorale prelude on
'Now thank we all our God'

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Resurrection Cross carved by Bishop John

A large Resurrection Cross to Bishop John's design has been commissioned to hang over the entrance to St Paul's new Resurrection Chapel