



*A Service of Remembrance and  
Thanksgiving for the Life of  
Rosemary Bronwen  
Spencer-Thomas*

18th June 1947 ~ 10th November 2022

St. Augustine's Church, Cambridge  
Tuesday 29th November 2022  
at 11.00 am



## Order of Service

### *Introit*

J.S. Bach, Prelude and Fugue in C major  
from the first book of the '48'  
Piano: Philip Mead

### **Introduction & Welcome**

The Reverend Janet Bunker

### **Gathering & Prayers**

### **Hymn**

#### **Guide Me O Thy Great Redeemer**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee.



**Bible Reading**  
**John 14:1-6**  
**'Jesus is the way to the Father'**  
Read by Meg Spencer-Thomas

Jesus said: "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."

**John the Divine reveals the New Heaven and the New Earth**  
**Revelation 21:1-7**  
Read by Maggie Spencer-Thomas

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children."

**Tribute and Address**  
Canon Owen Spencer-Thomas

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**  
**The Day Thou Gavest**

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;  
The darkness falls at Thy behest;  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

**Commendation**

**Ending and Blessing**

**Voluntary:**

J.S. Bach, Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring - Chorale from Cantata No 147  
arranged for piano by Myra Hess



Bronwen's family will attend the graveside committal service at the  
Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Ground immediately before  
this service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

The family invite you to join them for a reception at  
the Holiday Inn, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9PH,  
and to share memories of Bronwen.





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**Sue Ryder**

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**St. Augustine's Church, Cambridge**

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