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In Loving Memory of
Group Captain Derek North
 DL RAF (Ret'd)

2nd December 1944 - 7th October 2020



Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 1.30 pm
 Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, St Richard's Chapel

Service conducted by Reverend Steve Burston,
 Rector of St John's Church, Crawley
 and Chaplain to The Royal British Legion

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

RAF March Past
by Walford Davis (1869-1941)

WELCOME AND OPENING

PRAYERS

LAST POST

including one minute's silence and Reveille

COMMENDATION

Goodbye Girl
by David Gates (b.1940)

DISMISSAL

MUSIC

Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life
by Monty Python

PRAYER

ending with

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.

POEM

High Flight

by John Gillespie Magee Jr

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

TRIBUTE

HYMN

O Ruler Of The Earth And Sky

O Ruler of the earth and sky,
Be with our airmen when they fly;
And keep them in thy loving care
Amid the perils of the air.
O let our cry come unto thee
For those who fly o'er land and sea.

Strong Son of Man, save those who fly
Swift-winged across th'uncharted sky;
Each anxious hour and lonely flight,
Serene, unchallenged, day and night.
O'er land and ocean safely bear
All those in peril in the air.

O Holy Spirit, God's own power,
Give peace in sudden danger's hour:
Bring calm of heart, and be thou near
To those who watch and those who fear.
To thee will rise the grateful prayer
Of those who serve thee in the air.

O Trinity of love and grace,
True guide of all who fly through space,
In peace or war, 'mid friend or foe,
Be with them whereso'er they go.
So shall our praise with heaven's blend
And joyful hearts to thee ascend.

Music: William Whiting (1825-1878)

READING

Isaiah, Chapter 40: verses 28a-31

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

ADDRESS

MUSIC

God Be In My Head
by John Rutter