

A Service of
Thanksgiving for the Life of



Marion Edith Roff

23rd October 1927 - 3rd August 2025

Monday 18th August 2025 at 10.30am

Conducted by The Reverend Michael Macey
Vicar of Boxmoor

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the ministers, following the Processional Cross, enter.

Please sit for

The Introit: Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them eternal rest.

*from **Requiem** by Andrew Lloyd Webber*

Welcome, Introduction, and Opening Prayer

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
Grace and mercy be with you.

We have come here today
to remember before God, Marion;
to give thanks for her life;
to commend her to God our merciful redeemer and judge;
and to comfort one another in our grief.

God of all consolation,
your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears
at the grave of Lazarus his friend.
Look with compassion on your children in their loss;
give to troubled hearts the light of hope
and strengthen in us the gift of faith,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing

The Hymn: Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Faithfulness 650 AM

Please sit for

Marion Remembered – by her family

prepared by Martin, Alan, and Gill

All remain seated for

The Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen. *John Rutter*

Marion Remembered – by her Church family

All stand to sing

The Hymn: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise my soul 766 AM

Please sit for

A Reading: Wisdom 3: 1, 2a, 3b–8

All stand to sing

The Hymn: Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
You are one with us, Mary's Son —
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
Born as one of us, Mary's son —
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free;
Living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
Live my life for you, Son of God;
All your commands I know are true;
Your many gifts will make me new;
Into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.

Living Lord 712 AM

All remain standing for

The Gospel Reading: St Matthew 5: 1–16

proclaimed by The Reverend Emma Williams

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the first and the last says the Lord, and the living one.
I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit for
The Sermon
given by The Vicar

All stand to sing

Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord at the end of the day.

Slane 713 AM

All sit or kneel for

The Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The prayers include the responses

Hear us, risen Lord,	or	Lord, in your mercy,
our resurrection and our life.		Hear our prayer.

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.

Please stand for

The Commendation

Almighty God,
in your great love you crafted us by your hand
and breathed life into us by your Spirit.
Although we became a rebellious people,
you did not abandon us to our sin.
In your tender mercy you sent your Son to restore in us your image.
In obedience to your will he gave up his life for us,
bearing in his body our sins on the cross.
By your mighty power you raised him from the grave
and exalted him to the throne of glory.
Rejoicing in his victory
and trusting in your promise to make alive all who turn to Christ,
we commend Marion to your mercy
and we join with all your faithful people and the whole company of
heaven
in the one unending song of praise:
glory and wisdom and honour be to our God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Marion, go forth upon your journey from this world, O Christian soul,
in the name of God the Father almighty who created you;
in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered death for you;
in the name of the Holy Spirit, who strengthens you;
in communion with Mary and all the blessed saints,
and aided by the angels and archangels, and all the heavenly host.
May your portion be this day in peace
and your dwelling the heavenly Jerusalem. **Amen.**

God be in my head, and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and at my departing.

The Peace

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives give I unto you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

All sing

The Hymn: Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Maccabaeus 218 AM

All remain standing for

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Organ Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*



*Marion's family would like to thank you for your presence here today
and for your kindness and support.*

*You are invited to continue
to share memories of Marion, over refreshments, in the Church Hall.*



*Donations given in thanksgiving for Marion's life
are most welcome and are to be given to
Rennie Grove Peace Hospice
and the ongoing Mission & Ministry of St John's Church
at <https://marionroff.muchloved.com/>*

Si Monumentum Requiris, Circumspice.

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