

*A Service of Celebration
and Thanksgiving for
the Life of*



Mona Turner

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St. Faith's Church, Crosby

Wednesday 9th January 2013

at 10.30am

God's love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God. Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is new life in Christ after death.

Even those who share such a faith find that there is a real sense of loss at the death of a loved one. Mona has in some way touched or inspired everyone here today and her warmth, love and laughter will be so sadly missed. We will each have had our own experiences of life and death, with different memories and feelings of love, grief and respect. To acknowledge this at the beginning of the service should help us to use this occasion to express our faith and our feelings as we say farewell, to acknowledge our sorrow, and to reflect on our own mortality. Those who mourn need support and consolation. Our presence here today is part of that continuing support.

Organ Voluntary

Please stand as the family enters the church

Welcome and Introduction

We have come here today, to remember before God our dear sister Mona; to give thanks for her generous and selfless life; to commend her to God, her merciful redeemer and judge; to commit her body to be cremated, and to comfort one another in our grief; in the hope that is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that Mona and 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 forever. **Amen**

Please stand to sing:

**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 as 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 hands 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.**

Please sit for reading

Philippians 4: 4-9 Fr. Colin Oxenforth

Address: **Fr. Martin Jones**

Please stand to sing

**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.**

*Please kneel or sit for prayers led by **Fr. Dennis Smith***

The response to

Lord in your mercy *is* **Hear our prayer**

At the end of the intercessions we pray together:

**God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have
made and rejoicing in our communion with all your
faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ
our Saviour. Amen**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom, as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

The Choir will sing 'A Gaelic Blessing' (John Rutter)

Please stand to sing:

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluia.**

**Thou was their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true Light. Alleluia.**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia.**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia.**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia.**

Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' *Luke 23:43*

The Commendation and Song of Farewell

The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water to remind us of the hope of eternal life given in baptism.

May the choirs of angels come to greet you. May they speed you to Paradise. May the Lord enfold you in his mercy. May you find eternal life.

Let us commend Mona to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory.

Confident of his glory and claiming his promises, we entrust Mona to your mercy in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you now and forever.

Rest eternal, grant unto her O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon her

May she rest in peace

And rise in glory. Amen

In peace let us take Mona to her place of rest.



*Mona and George Turner,
married at St Faith's,
19th February 1949*



*All donations will be gratefully
received for*

Riding for the Disabled,

Mona's chosen charity for 2012

*The family warmly invite you to
join them for refreshments in the
Church Hall after the service at
Thornton Crematorium.*