

Hymn      **To God be the Glory**      AHB 85



1      To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;  
and give him the glory! great things he has done!*

2      O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God!  
and every offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3      Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915

**The Blessing**

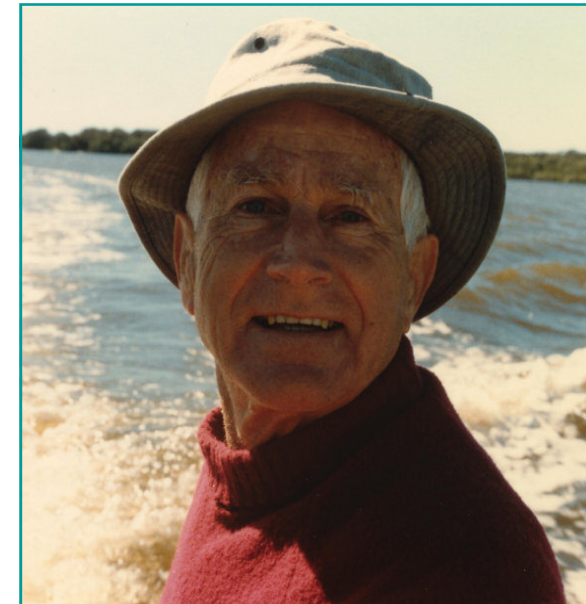
**Postlude**

***How Great Thou Art***

*Thank you for sharing with us today in the  
celebration of John's life and journey.  
We give thanks for his life.  
May his example of gentleness and compassion  
live on in his family and friends.*

**Wife:** Margaret  
**Children:** Graham and Françoise  
Judith and Philip  
James and Sharon  
**Grand-children:** Nathalie and Ahmed (her husband) and Sandra  
Jamie, Melanie and David (her husband) and  
Richard  
Daniel and Aurélie (his fiancée), Steven,  
Michelle, Anna, Jonathan, Brendan, Justin and  
Louise (his wife) and Zoe and Ashley (her  
fiancé)  
**Great-Grandchildren:** Emily, Sophie, and Zachary and Lillee

# A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF JOHN JAMES BEESTON



**14.05.1917 – 18.05.2005**



**Introduction and Prayer**

Rev Graham Keech

**Reading** Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 8 (NIV) Read by Richard Hunt

**Hymn** **Trust and Obey** AHB 531

1 When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of his word  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus  
but to trust and obey*

2 Not a shadow can rise,  
Not a cloud in the skies,  
But his smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt nor a fear,  
Not a sigh nor a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

3 But we never can prove  
The delights of his love  
Until all on the altar we lay,  
For the favour he shows  
And the joy he bestows  
Are for those who will trust and obey.

4 Then in fellowship sweet  
We shall sit at his feet,  
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
What he says we will do,  
Where he sends we will go -  
Never fear, only trust and obey. John Henry Sammis 1846 - 1919

**Readings** Romans 8 Read by Michelle Beeston  
John 14 Read by Daniel Beeston  
"This is the Word of the Lord"  
**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Words of Hope** Rev Graham Keech



**Hymn** **Mine Eyes have seen the Glory** AHB 205

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

*Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,  
glory, glory, hallelujah, his truth is marching on.*

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat:  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom which transfigures you and me:  
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

4 He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;  
he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave:  
so the world shall be his foot-stool, and the soul of time his slave:  
Our God is marching on. Julia Ward Howe 1819-1910 and others

**Eulogy** Mr Philip Hunt

**Pastoral Prayers** Mrs Di Crowther, Blue Care Chaplain

**The Commendation** Rev Graham Keech

**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,  
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.**