

# Order of Service

## All I Want Is A Room In Bloomsbury

### Sentences & Collect

*The psalm is dedicated to Alice Schwitzer née Szilard (1893-1945), Štefan Schwitzer (1885-1945) and Anni Adler née Schwitzer (1918-1945), who died without funeral.*

### Psalm 23 **The Lord's my Shepherd**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

## **Knowing Grandad**

Susan Skelton

## **I Could Have Danced All Night**

Yasmin Schwitzer

## **Memories of Grandad**

Emma Anderson

## Hymn **Abide with Me**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears not bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## **Ecclesiastes 3**

Gemma Buick and Rosemary Schwitzer

## **Philosophically Speaking**

Edward Schwitzer

## **If You Were The Only Girl In The World**

Heather Kyle and Robert Irons

## **Eulogy**

William Schwitzer

## **Address & Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

Amen.

## Hymn **We Plough The Fields And Scatter**

We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.

*(Refrain:)*

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the wind and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*(Refrain)*

We thank thee, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all your love imparts,  
with what we know you long for:  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*(Refrain)*

## **Commendation & Blessing**

**On The Street Where You Live**

**The Blue Danube**

**A Spoonful Of Sugar**

*The burial then follows in Highgate Cemetery (Western Cemetery), Swain's Lane N6 6PJ.*

*Space is available in the cars following the hearse for those who need transport. Please could drivers with space in their vehicles ensure that no-one is left standing outside the church without transport, many thanks.*

*The hearse will pause momentarily outside The Highgate Society (10a South Grove) of which Mat was a former chairman.*

*After the burial you are invited to share a drink with friends and family in Mat's home in Shepherds Hill. The same cars will be available.*

# What would Mat make of his Service?

**All I Want Is A Room In Bloomsbury.** Mat loved musicals; this is from the 1964 musical *The Boy Friend*. Bloomsbury is the area of London of Mat and Joan's early romance: they met in Student Movement House in Gower Street WC1, and later lived in a small flat in Cartwright Gardens WC1.

**Dedication of Psalm 23.** The loss of Mat's mother, father and one sister in the Holocaust turned Mat's world upside down and undoubtedly shaped his character deeply. This "Shepherd's Psalm" is loved by Jews and Christians alike, reflecting the mixed religions of both sets of his grandparents.

**I Could Have Danced All Night.** Mat particularly liked this 1956 piece from *My Fair Lady*, especially as it was about dancing.

**Abide With Me.** Mat felt the loss of his beloved Joan deeply, especially after his earlier loss in life, and this popular prayer for God to remain present through life and death would provide much comfort.

**Ecclesiastes 3.** We chose the Old Testament because of Mat's mixed Jewish and Christian heritage, and Ecclesiastes 3 chapters 1 to 8 to reflect his passion for philosophy and intense dislike of hatred and conflict that this piece is often interpreted as expressing.

**If You Were The Only Girl In The World.** This was Mat and Joan's song. Mat loved it dearly and the associated memories it evoked, playing it himself on the piano in his own unmistakable style. We wanted to play it at Joan's funeral five years ago, but the mere mention of the title took him straight back to those happy times, and we just couldn't. First published in 1916, it's sung today in a spoken style to reflect the time when Mat courted Joan.

**We Plough The Fields and Scatter.** Farming was the profession of Mat's father, Štefan Schwitzer, and grandfather, Šimon Schwitzer. Mat would have followed in their footsteps had it not been for World War 2. Throughout the 62 years he lived at Shepherds Hill Mat maintained a passion for tending the garden and allotment. Whilst spending weekends at Wrights Farm in Essex (inherited by Joan from her mother), Mat and Joan enjoyed immensely growing vegetables - for a while in the corner of the Barn Field. Mat was a former Chairman of the Highgate Horticultural Society.

**On The Street Where You Live.** Another piece from My Fair Lady, Mat never tired of this one, and regularly played it with gusto on the piano throughout our childhood. It includes the line "people stop and stare, they don't bother me" which has rung (and no doubt will ring), in our family's ears all our lives.

**The Blue Danube.** Mat loved waltzes, and never refused an invitation to dance one (including on his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday!), and this was one of his favourites. The Danube is the main artery of central Europe, Mat's home. It passes through Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest, "his" three capitals, representing the Germanic, Slav and Hungarian cultures that shaped his upbringing and the three languages of his youth. He was born in Vienna, went to primary and secondary schools in Bratislava, and had family connections in Budapest. As a boy, he rowed on and swam in the Danube in Bratislava.

**A Spoonful Of Sugar.** Another piece from a musical, this one from Mary Poppins, published in 1964. Mat loved this film that we saw as a family, and this song in particular, and we often sang it together at home and in the car.



*Front Cover:* Matura photo 1935

*Inside front cover:*

1921 with his sisters Anni and Jean; On his wedding day 1947

*Above:* Prague 1936/1937 before a ball

*Opposite with grandchildren:*

Emma 1992; John & Susan 1994; Rosemary 1991; Edward 1992.

*Back cover:* Pomposa Abbey 1988