**Mabel Walker**

**Notes for Crematorium Service- 4 June 2020**

Good morning everyone!

As we set aside the balance of this surreal day, to remember Mabel our beloved sister< Sister in law, aunty and so much more to all who knew her, may we grasp this moment for it meant to Mable to know of an assurance the Hope and confidence she had in God.

The words of our opening hymn were indeed dear to Mabel and she lived every word!

**I Sing the Mighty power of God**

1 We sing the mighty power of God - that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.  We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

2 We sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.  Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

3 There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known, and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne; while all that borrows life from you  is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be,  you, God, are present there.

**Scripture reading – Psalm 121** **Where does your hope lie?**

**1** I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there? **2**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! **3**He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber.
**4**Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. **5**The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade.
**6**The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. **7**The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life.
**8**The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

We all know where Mabel’s Hope lay, she was unwavering in her faith in God, from a youngster when she fund solace in God and throughout her life, with the ups and downs that life threw at her, she never wavered from her faith in God.

She placed her faith in the creator not what was created, she marvelled in the beauty around her, as is reflected in our opening Hymn and coupled with this passage – that Faith brought hope steadfast and sure like an anchor in her life! She Knew her help comes from God! She Knew He never takes His eye off her and He does not get tired with her cries for help! He stood with her and protected her throughout her life and kept her from harm, and the promise is underlined by the realty this is not empty hope – For it is for now and forever!

And For Mabel she has entered her eternal rest, no more suffering, no more hoping for her hope is realised! Fanny Crosby who wrote many hymns (over 8000) was blind from the age of 2 and late in life was asked by a report, “when you get to heaven, are you going to have words with God for not healing you from your blindness” for a moment she thought, and then replied “ No, no – my life’s Hope will be complete, for there for the first things my eyes will see – will be Jesus” No tears there!

My prayer for all the Family here and extended far beyond this place today is that God will bring this Hope to you and give you the Peace you need now and for the foreseeable future!

For Barbara – David – Gail – Sharon Beverly and Adrian and your loved ones (Our prayers and thoughts are with Barbara today after losing her dear friend Val and then of course her beloved sister Mabel)

Elaine – John – Susan Kim and Jaqueline – and your loved ones

David – Audrey – Janet – Michael and Timothy and your loved ones

Carol (Widow of Neville) Craig Francis and Emma and not forgetting Mark who is no longer with us. and your loved ones

Joyce (widow of Jack) Andrew Lynne, Russel and Ian who is no longer with us, and your loved ones

Eric (Widower of Nora) Christopher Nigel and Gary and your loved ones

Remembering – Winnie (deceased) Danny Linda and Jillian and their loved ones

Joan and Brad and not forgetting Stephen who is no longer with us!

And for all Mabel’s, extended family in Church life throughout the Weslayan Reformed Union of Churches across the country who Knew her and loved her dearly not least of all at Beacon Community Church Wibsey – And Friends who were so dear to her - May God comfort you and keep you in His tender care now and for all ways.

The wishes of Mabel were that we focussed on Psalm 121 and the her chosen hymns and I pray they will be a blessing to you!

As soon as we can all join together, we will be having a full memorial service to celebrate Mabel’s life at Beacon Community Church Wibsey Bradford. I Do indeed pray it will be busting with folk to pay her our respect.

**The Committal**

As God so richly blessed our lives with knowing Mabel, He brought us a great example of Love and companionship, we entrust her body to be consumed, dust to dust, ashes to ashes in the certainty that today Mabel is freed from her earthly frailties and is at rest in the Blessed arms of Her Saviour – The Lord Jesus Christ! Amen!

Amen

Now we hear the Hymn of Mabel’s choosing to close

**In Heavenly Love abiding**

1 In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear: and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here: the storm may roar around me, my heart may low be laid;
my Father's arms surround me, how can I be afraid?

2 Wherever he may guide me no want shall turn me back; my shepherd is beside me
and nothing can I lack: his wisdom is for ever, his sight is never dim;
his love deserts me never and I will walk with him.

3 Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen; bright skies will shine with glory
where threatening clouds have been: my hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free;
my saviour has my treasure, and he will walk with me.

May God bless you and keep you in His tender Care today and Always!

Yours in Christ Rev Paul Brown

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