

A cry to be "lifted above the Valley of the Shadow and the sadness of this hour into the light of Thy countenance and the comfort of Thy presence," was followed by the plea: "Help us to raise our thoughts from the things seen and temporal to the calm eternity in which Thou dwellest." "Our weakness calls for Thy compassion: Hold not Thy peace at our tears. Lead us to the Rock that is higher than we. Lift us out of our disappointed purposes and broken hopes into the peace of Thy holy habitation. Our spirits turn to Thee in humble trust. As the changes which come to us in life leave us poorer and sadder may we know more of Thy love and of Thy great sympathy."

Then followed an expression of confidence, Gospel-born, "that death does not end all, that beyond the clouds and the trials "There's a land that is fairer than day." Next there came an earnest cry which must have touched all hearts who have known great sorrow in this life, and who are accustomed to appeal to the Divine Fatherhood, and seek to be attuned in harmony with the Will of the Wisest: "Help us to learn the lessons of sorrow, that through suffering and trial we may become humbler and holier, stronger and more tender."

"We bless Thy name for all those who have died in the Lord, and who now rest from their labors. Especially we call to remembrance Thy lovingkindness and tender mercies to Thy servant. For Thy guiding Hand along the path of her pilgrimage we thank Thee. Especially do we praise Thy grace that kindled early in her heart the love of Thy Name, that enabled her to fight the good fight of faith and to obtain the victory."

"For Thy servant from whom Thou hast taken the partner of his life at a stroke, and the boy left motherless, and for loved ones far away who today are in sackcloth we pray. We need not tell their sorrow unto Thee. In the stillness of our hearts we ask for them Thy sustaining grace. Be Thou their strength and support in this sore trial. Be Thou the strength of the fainting heart and the light of the darkened home. May their eyes be opened to see the Father's House on high, and to be assured of the better life and more perfect rest which remain to the people of God."

"May this visitation of death be Thy voice speaking to us in a way that may minister to a truer and holier life in our souls, causing us to remember our frailty, and leading us to look forward to that place where "glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's Land."

The service in St. John's church was closed with the hymn "Forever with the Lord."

