

Sea Thrift

2007

The Service for Christina Kerr 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2007

## Psalm 139

Lord, you have examined me and you know me. You know me at rest and in action; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeying and my resting-places, and are familiar with all the paths I take. Knowledge so wonderful is beyond my grasp; it is so lofty I cannot reach it. Where can I escape from your spirit, where flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I travel to the limits of the east, or dwell at the bounds of the western sea, even there your hand will be guiding me, your right hand holding me fast. If I say, "Surely darkness will steal over me, and the day around me turn to night,' darkness is not too dark for you and night is as light as day; to you both dark and light are one. You it was who fashioned my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for you fill me with awe; wonderful you are, and wonderful your works. You know me through and through: How mysterious, God, are your thoughts to me, how vast in number they are!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

## Reading

Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awake in the morning's hush, I am in the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star shines that shine night. Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there. I did not die.

Mary E Free 1932

## Interment

We have entrusted Christina to God's merciful keeping; we now commit her ashes to the ground, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again for us. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Remember, Lord, your servant, who has gone before us with the sign of faith, and whose ashes we have committed to the ground. According to your promises, grant to her and to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and peace.' through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, grant that we, with all those who have believed in you, may be united in the full knowledge of your love and the unclouded vision of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessing.