

Service of Thanksgiving  
for the life of  
**Sir John Batten**

11<sup>th</sup> March 1924 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014

St Bride's Church  
Fleet Street  
London EC4

## **Royal Representation**

**The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh**  
by Professor John Cunningham

**The Prince of Wales**  
by Professor Duncan Geddes

**The Princess Royal**  
by Captain Nick Wright, RN

**The Duke and Duchess of Kent**  
by Mr. Nicolas Adamson

**Prince and Princess Michael of Kent**  
by Doctor Timothy Evans

**Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy**  
by Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Birdwood

## **Organ**

*Fantasia In C Minor (BWV 562) – Bach*

## **Choir**

*Hymn To The Virgin* Benjamin Britten

## **Bidding Prayer**

The Rector

## **Hymn**

*Lord Of All Hopefulness*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **First Reading**

*Ecclesiasticus 38: 1-12*

Read by Professor Margaret Hodson

## **Choir**

*Locus Iste* Bruckner

## **First Address**

Sir Richard Thompson

## **Choir**

*Soave Sia Il Vento* Mozart

## **Second Reading**

*Cornish Cliffs* John Beljeman

Read by Tom Lewis

## **Hymn**

*Jesu, Lover Of My Soul*

Jesu, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
Till the storm of life be past!  
Safe into the haven guide,  
Oh, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none,  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me:  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
All my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenceless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want  
More than all in thee I find!  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind;  
Just and holy is thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am,  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin,  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Freely let me take of thee,  
Spring thou up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity.

### **Third Reading**

*Revelation 21: 1-7*

Read by Robert Attenborough

### **Second Address**

Professor Harold Lambert and Reverend Michael Jackson

## **Choir**

*Linden Lea* – Vaughan Williams

## **Prayers**

Canon John Oates

## **Hymn**

*Eternal Father, Strong To Save*

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,  
And gavest light and life and peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them whereso'er they go:  
And ever let there rise to thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

**Blessing**  
The Rector

**Choir**  
*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* – Handel

**Organ Voluntary**  
*Fantasia in G major (BWV 572)* – Bach



*There will be a retiring collection  
to be shared between St Bride's Church  
and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust*

*The congregation is warmly invited to a reception  
after the service at the Apothecaries' Hall  
Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ*



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Service led by

*The Venerable David Meara*

*Rector of St Bride's & Archdeacon of London*

Director of Music

*Robert Jones*

Organist

*Matthew Morley*