

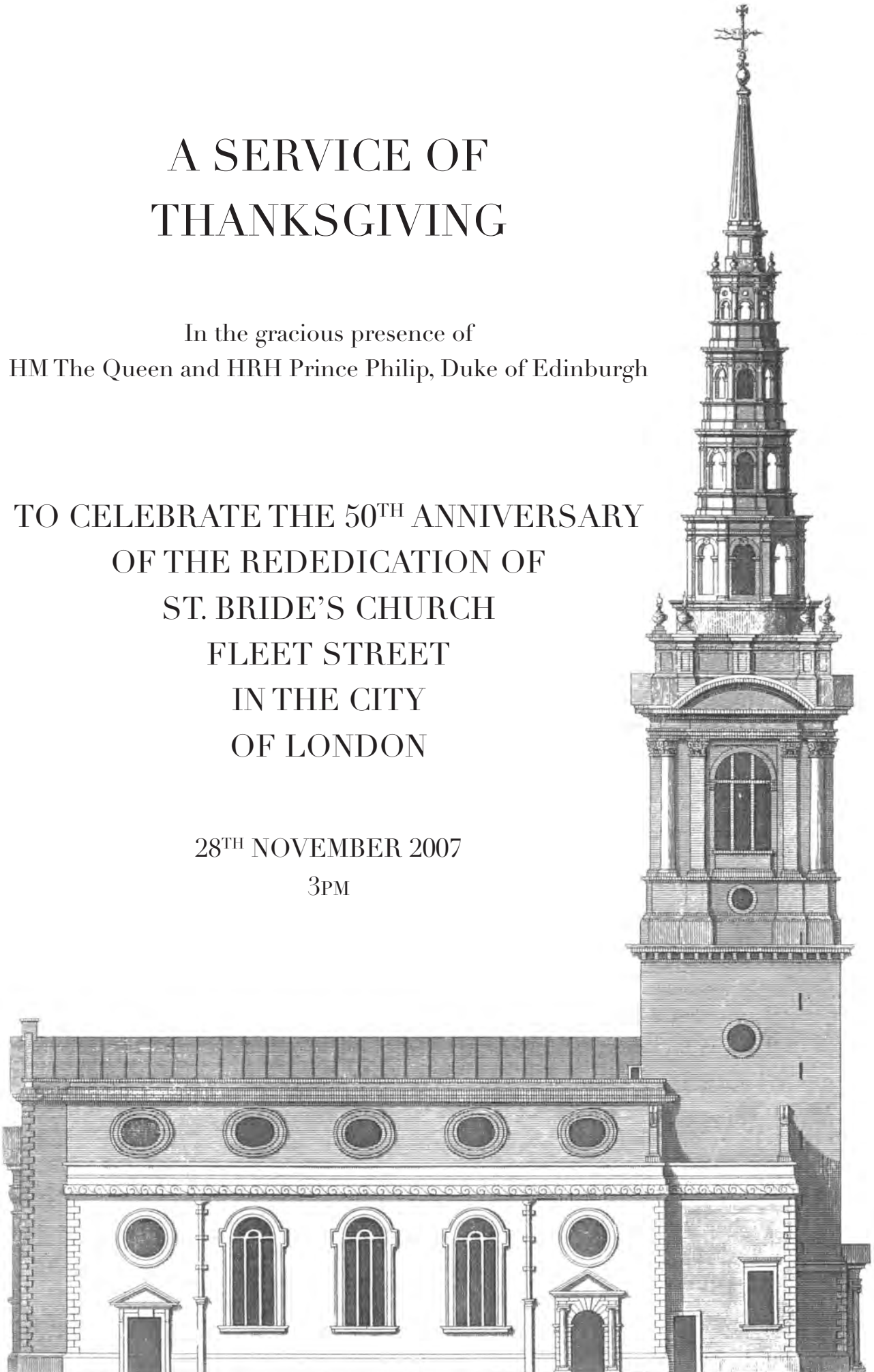
# A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

In the gracious presence of  
HM The Queen and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

TO CELEBRATE THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE REDEDICATION OF  
ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH  
FLEET STREET  
IN THE CITY  
OF LONDON

28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007

3PM



# THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDE

## *RECTOR*

REVD CANON DAVID MEARA

## *CURATE*

REVD GEORGE PITCHER

## *CHURCHWARDENS*

SIR DAVID BELL

MR CHARLES LEACH

MR CHRISTOPHER McKANE

MRS MARY WALKER

## *PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL*

*Secretary:* MR CHRISTOPHER BETTERTON

## *DIRECTOR OF MUSIC*

MR ROBERT JONES

## *ORGANIST*

MR MATTHEW MORLEY

## *CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR*

MR JAMES IRVING

## *VERGER*

MR DAVID SMITH

## *GUILD OF ST. BRIDE*

*Master:* MR VYVYAN HARMSWORTH

*Clerk:* MR DAVID BLACKWELL

*Court:* THE RECTOR AND CHURCHWARDENS,

*Treasurer:* MR LIONEL PAGET, *Guild Marshal:* MR TERENCE SMITH,

*Elected Members:* MR EDWARD BEVIN, MR PAUL DYSON,

MR GEOFFREY BURGESS, MR PHILIP KEOWN

## *GUILD CHAPLAINS*

REVD JANE BANISTER, REVD DR BRIAN BECK,

REVD WALLACE BOULTON, VERY REVD DR A. WESLEY CARR,

REVD CANON BILL CHRISTIANSON, VEN DR CRISTOPHER CUNLIFFE,

VEN PETER DELANEY, REVD ROBIN GRIFFITH-JONES, REVD TODDY HOARE,

VEN CHRISTOPHER LOWSON, REVD ROBERT MILLINGTON,

REVD CANON JOHN OATES, RT REVD STEPHEN OLIVER

## ORDER OF SERVICE

At 3.00pm Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh  
will enter by the North Door.

A fanfare will be sounded by Onyx Brass *All stand*

### THE ROYAL PROCESSION

Crucifer

Guild Marshal

Guild Clerk

Verger

Area Dean of the City

Revd. Canon John Oates

Dean of Westminster

Archdeacon of London

Churchwardens

Guild Verge

Master of the Guild

HRH Prince Philip

Gold Mace

Rector

HM The Queen

Her Majesty's Suite

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him, and rejoice.*

*The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.*

*O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.*

*To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the Angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.*

Words: WILLIAM KEITHE d.1594      Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Remain standing as the RECTOR gives

## THE BIDDING

We come to this Church of St Bride in Fleet Street to give thanks to Almighty God for fifty years of worship and ministry offered here since the rededication of this church in 1957, following its restoration after the devastation of war. We give thanks for the vision and dedication of those who worked tirelessly to create “beauty from ashes”, and of all who have subsequently ministered in this place.

We come together from the varied constituencies served by this church; from the worlds of newspapers, magazines and broadcasting, from the City and the Livery Companies, from the commercial firms and businesses of our parish, from the Guild of St Bride, and from our Sunday and weekday congregations.

We pray that Almighty God will continue to bless, guide and direct our work and worship, that we may do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

And we hold before God in prayer our Sovereign Lady The Queen; and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; and we ask that they may be sustained and renewed by the power of God’s Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

## ANTHEM

We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God

*Words selected by Cyril Armitage and Music composed by William McKie for the marriage of Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, R.N. 20<sup>th</sup> November 1947.*

## THE READING

Isaiah Chapter 61 vv. 1-4

Read by  
SIR DAVID BELL, Churchwarden

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## HYMN

This hymn has been specially commissioned for this service and our fiftieth anniversary year.

*In the name of Christ we worship;  
in his name we offer praise;  
come to earth to be our saviour,  
king of glory all our days.  
Time may pass, events may happen,  
joy or sorrow be our share;  
he alone remains unchanging,  
bringing hope when we despair.*

*When our nation faces conflict;  
when destruction's all around;  
when the buildings that we treasure,  
totter, crashing to the ground.  
Christ can undergird his people,  
bringing healing to their pain;  
pointing onward, pointing upward,  
to restore them once again.*

*Then, when hope is rediscovered,  
every challenge has been met;  
through the power of the Spirit  
joy replaces our regret.  
So we sing our hymns of gladness,  
pray our prayers of heartfelt trust,  
as the focus of our planning  
rises slowly from the dust.*

*Celebration, celebration,  
as together we recall  
the renewal of the challenge  
to our people, great and small,  
who express throughout the media,  
what is seen and what is heard.  
Those who write and those who broadcast,  
those who propagate the word.*

*Thanks we offer to the Father;  
thanks to Jesus Christ his Son,  
thanks to God, the Holy Spirit.  
Thanks for ever, Three-in-One!*

Words: CANON MICHAEL SAWARD

Tune: Corvedale, MAURICE BEVAN

### THE ADDRESS

THE REVD CANON DAVID MEARA  
Rector of St Bride's Church, Fleet Street

### THE DEDICATION OF THE JOURNALISTS' MEMORIAL BOOK

THE REVD CANON JOHN OATES  
Rector of St Bride's Church 1984-2000

In this place where the printed word first established itself we remember all who write what many read and speak where many listen, especially those journalists, cameramen and support staff who have lost their lives in the pursuit of truth and to bring us the news.

We dedicate today this memorial book as a record of their names, praying that their memory may be an inspiration to others and that the power of the written and spoken word may always be used with honesty and courage, wisdom and integrity, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

### ANTHEM

Beauty for Ashes

Words: ISAIAH 61

Music: BOB CHILCOTT

*This anthem has been specially commissioned for this service*

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

led by  
representatives from the Media, the City, the Parish and the Congregation

As we call to mind the fifty years since the rededication of this church in 1957, we give thanks to God in faith and trust.

For the Christian faith which has nurtured successive generations in this place, and for the clergy and people of St Bride's Church.

THANKS BE TO GOD

For the contribution of the printed word to the life and culture of society, through books, newspapers and magazines.

THANKS BE TO GOD

For journalists and cameramen, especially those who have lost their lives to bring us the news.

THANKS BE TO GOD

For the City of London, the Ward of Castle Baynard, and especially the Livery Companies served by this church, the Stationers and Newspaper makers, the Marketors and the Turners.

THANKS BE TO GOD

For wealth-creators everywhere, especially for the commercial firms of this parish, and all who work in this area day by day.

THANKS BE TO GOD

For young people today, especially the young people of this church, and the students of King Edward's School Witley and Hackney Free and Parochial Secondary School.

THANKS BE TO GOD

For our Sovereign Lady The Queen, and his Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for sixty years of marriage, and for her long and happy reign.

THANKS BE TO GOD

For all the challenges and opportunities we face now and in the future, and for the many blessings we have been given over fifty years.

THANKS BE TO GOD

*During the final hymn the Royal procession is reformed in the Nave of the Church  
to await the Rector, Master of the Guild and the Royal party*

## HYMN

*He who would valiant be  
'Gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
Follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent  
To be a Pilgrim.*

*Who so beset him round  
With dismal stories,  
Do but themselves confound –  
His strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might,  
Though he with giants fight:  
He will make good his right  
To be a Pilgrim.*

*Since, Lord, thou dost defend  
Us with thy spirit,  
We know we at the end  
Shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away!  
I'll fear not what men say;  
I'll labour night and day  
To be a Pilgrim.*

Words: JOHN BUNYAN

Tune: Monks Gate, R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

## THE BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, be with you and abide with you now and always.

*The Choir sings: AMEN.*

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

*God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save The Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save The Queen!*

Words: TRADITIONAL

Music: THOMAS ARNE

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Grand Choeur Dialogué*      Eugene Gigout

Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh are conducted by the Rector and Master of the Guild to the West End of the Church where members of the congregation, and others are presented, and where the Book of St Bride will be signed.

The congregation are requested to remain in their places until the Choir, Liverymen of the Guild of St Bride, Guild Chaplains and Civic representatives have left.



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YEARS ON