

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the life and work of
Alan Watkins
3rd April 1933 8th May 2010



Monday 24th May at 12noon
St Bride's Church, Fleet Street
in the City of London

Service conducted by
the Venerable David Meara, Rector of St Bride's



ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation shall stand as the procession enters

THE CHOIR

The Sentences – Croft

BIDDING PRAYER

The Rector

HYMN

Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15. 20-26

read by Geoffrey Wheatcroft

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

THE CHOIR

Sheep May Safely Graze Bach

FIRST ADDRESS

Gerald Davies CBE

THE CHOIR

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah Handel

SECOND READING

from *'Brief Lives'* by Alan Watkins
read by Anthony Howard CBE

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love Divine, all loves excelling
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

SECOND ADDRESS

Robert Harris

THIRD READING

from *Life of Johnson* by James Boswell
read by Harry Watkins

THE CHOIR

Ar Hyd y Nos Welsh trad.

PRAYERS

The Rector

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

COMMENDATION & BLESSING

The Rector

CHOIR

Libiamo Ne' lieti Calici from *La Traviata* Verdi

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

There will be a retiring collection to be shared between
St. Bride's Church and
another charity.

