# Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Anna Politkovskaya



Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 11.30am

St Bride's Church Fleet Street EC4

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### Violin before the service Vocalise – Rachmaninoff

#### Introit

Psalm 121 – Walford Davies

# **Bidding Prayer**

The Rector

#### Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me his praise should sing? Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour To our fathers in distress; Praise him still the same for ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise him! Praise him! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;Well our feeble frame he knows;In his hands he gently bears us,Rescues us from all our foes.Praise him! Praise him!Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; Ye behold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before him; Dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.

## First Reading

1 Corinthians 15. 50-58 Read by Sheila Dillon

**Choir** Bogoroditse Djevo – Arvo Părt

## **First Address**

Lord Judd Rapporteur to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Chechnya

## Violin

'Andante' & 'Lento, Ma Non Troppo' from Five Melodies - Prokofiev

#### Second Reading

Extract from Anna's Courage in Journalism Award Acceptance Speech in New York 2002 read by Mariana Katzarova, founder of the Anna Politkovskaya Prize

## Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; he leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill: For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnishèd In presence of my foes; My head thou dost with oil anoint And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house for evermore My dwelling-place shall be.

## **Third Reading**

A Sick Dog In A Big City by Anna Politkovskaya Read by Elena Cook

#### Second Address

Christopher MacLehose Anna's original publisher

### Choir

'O Come And Worship' from Vespers - Rachmaninoff

#### **Prayers**

The Rector

#### Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest – to both great and small; In all life thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render, O help us to see 'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## **Blessing** The Rector

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# Choir

Russian Kontakion for the Departed - Traditional

# **Organ Voluntary**

A retiring collection will be taken and shared between RAW in War and St Bride's Church



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