

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of
James Gillespie
24th August 1958 – 25th October 2019



Wednesday 29th September 2021
at 3pm

St Bride's Church
Fleet Street
London EC4

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The Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce

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Robert Jones

ORGANIST

Léon Charles

CHOIR

The Choir of St Bride's

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James Irving



Double Vision: 'It was so funny the way you seemed to be getting annoyed with yourself.'

Organ music before the Service *'Spitfire' Prelude – William Walton*

Introit

Psalm 23 – Brother James' Air

Welcome & Opening Prayer The Rector

Hymn

He who would valiant be

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'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.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

Read by Matthew Dennison

Choir

Symphony No 3 (Second movement) – Henryk Górecki

First Address

Claudia Joseph

Choir

The River – Bruce Springsteen arr. Léon Charles

Second Reading

Excerpt from *Scoop* – Evelyn Waugh

Read by Roderick Gilchrist

Hymn

I vow to thee, my country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Third Reading

Double Vision – James Gillespie

First published in the Sunday Times, 23rd December 2012

Read by John Witherow

Choir

Every time we say goodbye – Cole Porter arr. Jonathan Seers

Second Address

Daniel Janner

Choir

When the saints go marching in – Traditional arr. John Rutter

Prayers

The Rector

Hymn

Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?

And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!

Bring me my arrows of desire!

Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!

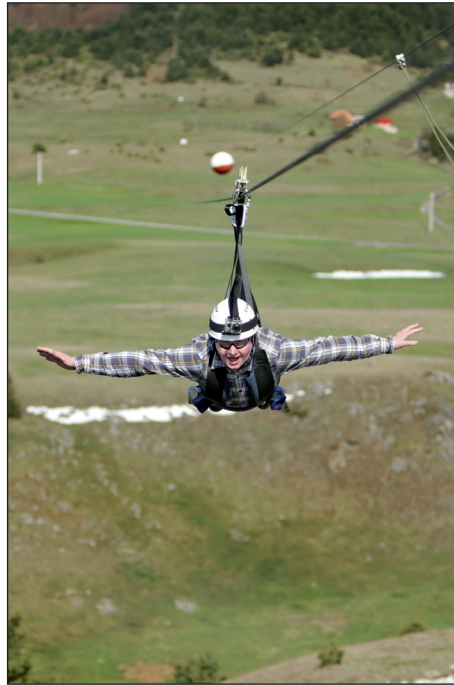
Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,

till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

Blessing The Rector

Organ Voluntary *Dam Busters march – Eric Coates*



*Action Man: 'I have never meditated in my life,
am rarely silent and think yoga is for girls.'*

*There will be a retiring collection to be shared between
St Bride's Church and the Royal British Legion*

*There will be a reception following the Service at
the Humble Grape, 1 St Brides Passage, EC4Y 8EJ*



Social Animal: 'I'm disappointed by the lack of trolls on Twitter today.'



All At Sea: 'Pilates, I assume, is another word for an afternoon nap.'



Plane Lazy: 'I have decided to commit myself to snoozing.'



Cat Who Got The Cream: Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger meets her idol at her perfume press launch.



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