

A service of Celebration  
and Thanksgiving for  
**Roma Laurette Kotch  
(Laurie Purden) MBE**

30<sup>th</sup> September 1928 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022



Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
at 11.30am

St Bride's Church  
Fleet Street  
London EC4



## **Introit**

*God be in my head* – Henry Walford Davies

## **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

The Revd Steven Morris

## **Hymn**

*All things bright and beautiful*

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

**First Reading**

*John 14: 1-6*

Read by Sophie Kotch

**Choir**

*And I saw a new Heaven* – Edgar Bainton

**Poem**

*The song of the Primrose Fairy* – Cicely Mary Barker

Read by Rose Soma

**First Address**

Macy Fyles-Kotch and Simon Hunter

**Choir**

*How lovely are thy dwellings fair* – Johannes Brahms

**Second Reading**

*Le train de ma vie* – Jean D’Ormesson

Read by Roland Klein

## **Hymn**

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

## **Second Address**

Ned Hunter

## **Choir**

*O happy day* – Edwin Hawkins arr. Teena Chinn

## **Third Address**

Eden Phillips and Andrew Wheatley

## **Choir**

*Fly me to the moon* – Bart Howard arr. Robert Jones

## **Prayers**

The Revd Steven Morris

## **Hymn**

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
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:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
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:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
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:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.

## **Blessing**

The Revd Steven Morris

## **Organ Voluntary**

*In the mood* – Glenn Miller



*The retiring collection will be divided between  
RNIB & St Bride's Church*

*You are warmly invited to join the family following the service at the  
Humble Grape, 1 St Bride's Passage, EC4Y 8EJ*

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