



**ST BRIDE'S  
CHURCH**

# **JOURNALISTS' COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE**

*Without fear or favour*



**Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 6:30pm**

**St Bride's Church  
Fleet Street, London EC4**



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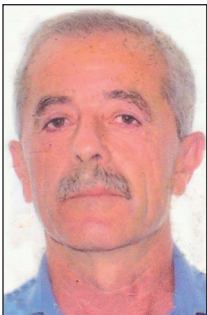
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## INTRODUCTION

As consumers of news in a fast-changing world, we demand a great deal of our journalists, correspondents, photographers, sound-crew and camera-crew. We expect them to keep us informed and enlightened about difficult and complex situations in the trouble spots of the world, often at great personal risk, and sometimes, tragically, they pay the ultimate price.

So it is important that, as representatives of the media industry, we honour their memory in this service and remind ourselves of the sacrifice they make in order to bring us the truth.

We commemorate and support, too, the support staff – drivers, translators, fixers – who make it possible for them to carry out their work.

But we also come together in this spiritual home of the media – local, regional, national and international – to celebrate the industry, its people and its achievements.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## INTROIT

*Ubi caritas – Ola Gjeilo*

## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

The Rector

Almighty Father,  
in whose perfect realm  
no sword is drawn but the sword of justice,  
and no strength known but the strength of love:  
guide and protect all who seek to bear witness  
to the truth of your troubled world;  
all who seek to give a voice to the voiceless,  
and to tell stories that would otherwise remain untold.  
We remember especially this day all members of this profession  
who have died, or whose fate is unknown,  
that you may bless their work,  
and strengthen and sustain those who love them.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

## HYMN

*My song is love unknown*

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.

O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.

But O, my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend!

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.

In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heaven was his home;  
but mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

## **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 58. 6-12*

Read by Holly Williams  
Foreign Correspondent, CBS News

## **CHOIR**

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem* – Herbert Howells

## **REFLECTION**

Sophie Raworth  
Journalist & Broadcaster, BBC News

## **CHOIR**

*Bridge over troubled water* – Paul Simon arr. Robert Jones



## SECOND READING

From *First to Fight* by Roger Moorhouse  
Read by Lord Black of Brentwood  
Patron, Rory Peck Trust

## HYMN

*Be thou my vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou my inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

## ADDRESS

The Rt Hon Sir John Whittingdale OBE MP  
Secretary of State for Media, Tourism & Creative Industries

## CHOIR

*Agnus Dei* – Tarik O'Regan

During which candles will be lit for those

- who have lost their lives
- who are missing or held captive
- who continue to report at great risk

## PRAYERS

The Rector

Eternal God, the Father of all mankind: we hold before you the needs of our broken and troubled world. We pray for peace between peoples and nations, and for peace in our hearts. We pray for all victims of violence, civil unrest, or natural disaster; for all migrants and refugees; and we pray for those who seek to come to their aid, and to draw attention to their plight.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving God, we remember with thanksgiving our brothers and sisters whose lives we commemorate at this service, in sorrow at their loss, and mindful of all that we have received from them. May the example of their dedication and service be an inspiration to us all, that we may strive to build on their achievements, and commit ourselves in loving service to one another and to you.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

Comfort, O Lord we pray, all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, or who feel the pain of separation at this time. Be with us in our sorrow, support us in our loneliness, and help us all to look to the future with steadfastness and hope.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all journalists and for those who work in the media the world over. Watch over those whose work places them in situations of personal danger, and bring them safely home.

Almighty God, strengthen and direct, we pray, the will of all whose work it is to write what many read, and to speak where many listen. May we be bold in confronting evil and injustice, and compassionate in our understanding of human weakness, rejecting alike the half-truth that deceives, and the slanted word that corrupts. May the power that is ours, for good or ill, always be used with honesty and courage, with respect and integrity; so that when all here has been written, said, and done, we may, unashamed, meet Thee face to face, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

Amen.

## HYMN

*Ye holy angels bright*

Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good or ill,  
who ever lives.



My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.

## **BLESSING**

The Rector

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted;  
support the weak;  
help the afflicted,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be amongst you and remain with you now and always.

Amen.

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Prelude on Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup> – Percy Whitlock*

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and The Rory Peck Trust, which provides practical and financial support  
to freelance journalists and their families worldwide, assisting in times  
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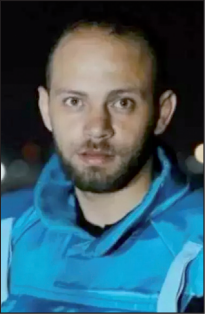
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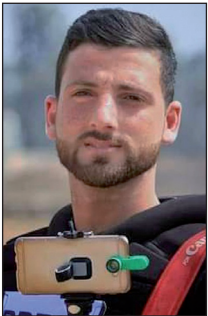
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