

A Service of Thanksgiving and
Celebration for the Life of
David Wells

29th May 1972 – 11th February 2023



Thursday 22nd February 2024
at 11.30am

St Bride's Church
Fleet Street
London EC4



Introit

God be in my head – Henry Walford Davies

Welcome & Opening Prayer

The Rector

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.

First Reading

Matthew 5. 14-16

Read by Fiona Laffan

Choir

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert

First Address

David Wighton

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, 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 naught 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.

Second Reading

Psalm 121. 1-8

Read by Caroline Gibson

Choir

Sanctus & Benedictus from Missa brevis in D – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Third Reading

A Tribute by Marin Wells

Read by Kate Cadette

Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd

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 through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast 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.

Second Address

Lucas van Praag

Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo – Antonio Vivaldi

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 now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery 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 and praises
I will ever give to thee.

Blessing

The Rector

Organ Voluntary

Concerto in A minor, 1st movement (BWV 593) – Antonio Vivaldi arr. J S Bach



*A retiring collection will be taken and shared between
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*There will be a reception following the Service at the
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