

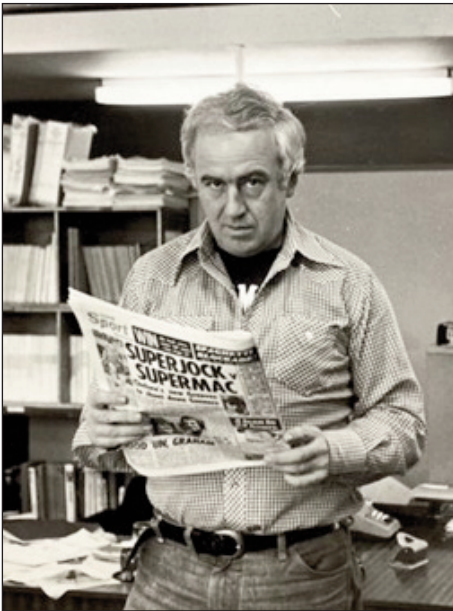
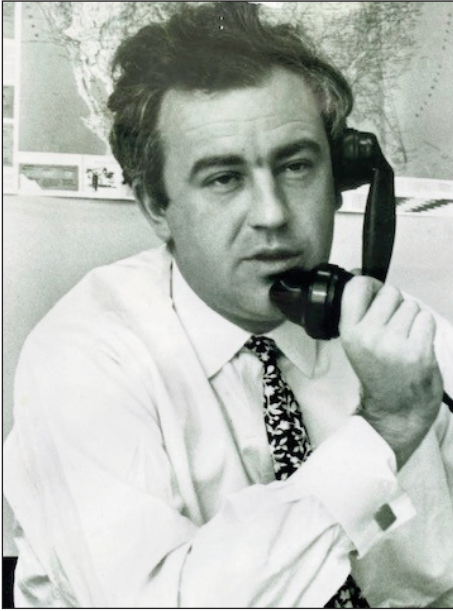
A Service of Thanksgiving and  
Celebration for the Life of  
**Godfrey Michael Talbot Hodgson**

1<sup>st</sup> February 1934 – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
at 11.30am

St Bride's Church  
Fleet Street  
London EC4



## **Organ**

*Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christus, BMV 639 – Johann Sebastian Bach*

## **Choir**

*Locus iste – Anton Bruckner*

## **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**

*Isaiah 40: 2-8*

Read by Sally Scarlett

**Choir**

*Bring us, O Lord God* – William Harris

**First Address**

Adam Boulton

**Choir**

*Laudate Dominum* – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**Second Reading**

*Forgiven* – A A Milne

Read by Mariana Hodgson Da Silva

## **Hymn**

*Lord of all hopefulness*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **Third Reading**

*Inscription on a Fountain on the Heath* – Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Read by Gus Hodgson

## **Choir**

*O vos omnes* – Pablo Casals

## **Second Address**

Jessica Hodgson

## **Choir**

*Agnus Dei* from *Nelson Mass* – Joseph Haydn

## **Prayers**

The Rector

## **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 Rector

**Organ Voluntary**

*Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541 – Johann Sebastian Bach*

*The retiring collection will be shared between  
the Alzheimer's Society & St Bride's Church*

*There will be a reception following the Service at the  
Humble Grape, 1 St Bride's Passage, London EC4Y 8EJ*

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