

A Service of Thanksgiving and
Celebration for the Lives of
Christopher & Kirsty Hudson



Thursday 9th May 2024
at 11.30am

St Bride's Church
Fleet Street
London EC4



Music before the Service

Nimrod from Enigma Variations – Edward Elgar

Choir

In paradisum from Requiem – Gabriel Fauré

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

Crossing the bar – Alfred, Lord Tennyson
Read by Rowley Hudson

Choir

Laudate dominum – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

First Address

Sir David Bell

Choir

Geistliches Lied – Johannes Brahms

Second Reading

John 14: 1-6
Read by Ed McDermott

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 kindliness, 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

Extract from *The Best Gardens in Italy: A Traveller's Guide*

– Kirsty McLeod and Primrose Bell

Read by Louisa Jencks

Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you – John Rutter

Second Address

Michèle Brandreth & Harriet Crawley

Choir

Into the mystic – Van Morrison arr. Matthew Morley

Prayers

The Rector

Hymn

Tell out, my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Blessing

The Rector

Organ Voluntary

Sheep may safely graze – J S Bach



*A retiring collection will be taken and shared between St Bride's Church
and Room to Read, a global charity helping children in low-income communities
to develop literacy skills and a habit of reading*

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

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