

A Service of Thanksgiving and
Celebration for the Life of
Emily Morgan

22nd July 1977 – 26th May 2023



Thursday 9th November 2023
at 11.30am

St Bride's Church
Fleet Street
London EC4



Music before the Service

Campfire (Day Four) from Seven Days Walking – Ludovico Einaudi

Choir

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert

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

Song of Solomon 2. 10-13

Read by Chris Ship

Choir

Laudate dominum – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

First Address

Alex Cherrie, Philip Sime, Patrick Russell and Sophie Alexander

Choir

O nata lux – Thomas Tallis

Second Reading

The life that I have – Leo Marks

Read by Rob Kinnaird

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Third Reading

From *The Velveteen Rabbit* – Margery Williams
Read by Anne Lingley and Fenella Meyer

Choir

Wild horses – Mick Jagger/Keith Richards arr. Robert Jones

Second Address

Rachel Waldron

Choir

This woman's work – Kate Bush arr. Matthew Morley

Prayers

The Rector

Hymn

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John-
they came with me and the Dance went on:

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;
they left me there on a cross to die:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black-
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the Dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Blessing

The Rector

Piano

The heart asks pleasure first – Michael Nyman



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

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