Wednesday 1 May 2024



Bread for the World An Informal Eucharist

Introit Thy word Smith arr. Larson

Welcome and Opening Prayers Revd Richard Carter

Creator God, Come to us, in the difference of every life gathered Come to us in song Come to us in word Come to us in stillness and silence Come to us in our care for one another Come to us in bread and wine Come to us in flesh and blood Reach out across time Be present in all time.

- All Amen.
- All Come Jesus, be our guest, Stay with us for day is ending.
 With friend, with stranger, With young and old,
 With the lost and found
 Be among us tonight
 Our guest our host
 The one who says all – all are welcome here.

Opening Hymn

1 God, that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light; who the day for toil hast given, for rest the night; may thine angel-guards defend us, slumber sweet thy mercy send us, holy dreams and hopes attend us, this livelong night.

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2 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and, when we die, may we in thy mighty keeping all peaceful lie: when the last dread call shall wake us, do not thou our God forsake us, but to reign in glory take us with thee on high.

V.1 Reginald Heber (1783-1826), v.2 Richard Whately (1787-1863)

Prayers of Forgiveness

God longs to be with us. But we often live in alienation from God, ourselves, one another and God's creation. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Because the world is beautiful but beauty is easily destroyed, we need you.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Because we often abandon you and turn away and walk past and are afraid and countless times betray you but you love us to the end and win a victory over all hatred, we need you.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Because we have your message to proclaim, because we have your kingdom to build, because there are so many in need of your love, because we have your life to live.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

And Jesus said 'Your sins are forgiven'

In the name of the Father who created you and waits to welcome you home, in the name of the Son who searches for you, in the name of the Spirit who brings the healing of forgiveness and calls you to do the same, you have been set free.

All Amen.

Words on the Edge Matthew 6: 28-34

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

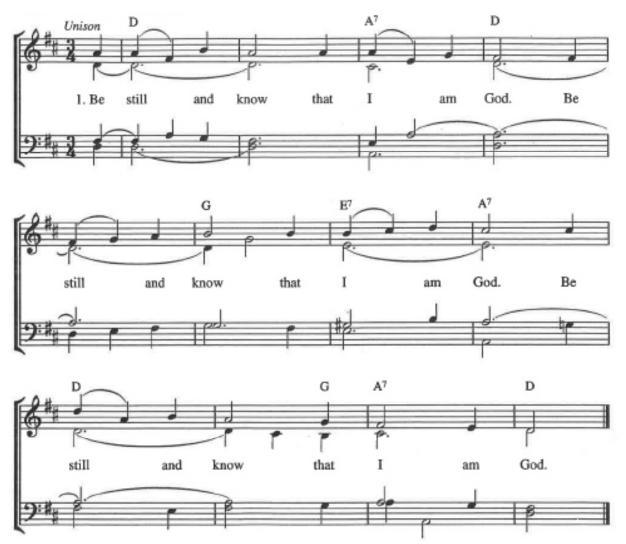
Reflection Revd Christian Saguyan - Finding God in Rural Communities

Anthem The Lord's my shepherd Bob Chilcott

Prayers Prayer of Thanksgiving Prayer of Concern Prayer of Hope

Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'

Prayer Chant Be still and know that I am God



Sharing of the Peace

God of eternal peace, who offers the gift of peace and whose children are the peacemakers; pour your peace into our hearts, that conflict and anger may cease. Peace is the gift of the Risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of that peace

As the congregation sings, all are invited to gather around the altar.

Gathering Hymn

- 1 Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings: when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.
- 2 In holy contemplation, we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new. Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, 'E'en let the unknown morrow bring with it what it may':
- 3 It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too: beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

4 Though vine nor fig-tree neither their wonted fruit should bear, though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there, yet, God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice; for, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

William Cowper (1731–1800)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Together we pray

All Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free, and fill each one of us with your love from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast at your table with all your saints.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray each in our own preferred language the prayer our Saviour taught us:

A// Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Look, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven, is broken for the life of the world. The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Jesus Bread of Life, Bread which is broken, Bread for the world.

Communion Anthem For the beauty of the earth Rutter

Prayer after Communion

All Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Word for us to speak, You are the Truth for us to tell; You are the Light for us to light in the darkness, You are the Bread of Life for us to share.

Notices

Thanksgiving Hymn

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and you'll go out with joy.

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944)

Blessing

Go simply, lightly, gently Go with obedience Go with love And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

All Amen.

Blessing Anthem Peace I leave with you Beach

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