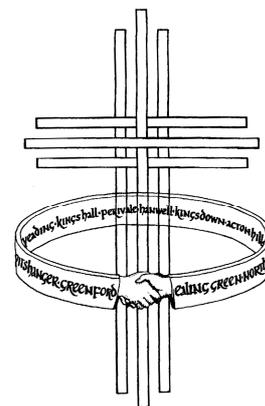


The Methodist Church: Ealing Trinity Circuit

A Circuit Service of Welcome: 6th September 2020 at 4.00pm



THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Let us pray.

God of truth,
you are worthy of higher praise than we can offer,
and of purer worship than we can imagine.
By your Holy Spirit, assist us in our prayers
and draw us to yourself so that what is lacking in our thoughts and actions,
and in our words and music, may be supplied by your overflowing love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God,
when we do not listen for your word in the words of others,
forgive and renew us.
When we do not use the gifts you have generously given us,
forgive and renew us.
When we do not love one another as sisters and brothers in Christ,
forgive and renew us.
When we do not serve our neighbours in their need,
forgive and renew us.
When we do not share the Good News with those around us,
forgive and renew us.
God calls us to serve, forgives us in Christ, and renews us by the Holy Spirit.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

God of all grace, you call your church to be a holy people
to the praise of your name.
In the power of your Spirit, fill our hearts with your love
and our lives with your glory, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn: Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory (StF 3)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Old Testament, Isaiah ch 61 vv 1-4

A reading from the Gospel according to John ch 13 vv 12-20

Hear the Gospel of Christ.
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The reading.....

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE SERMON

All stand

The presiding minister says to the people

Sisters and brothers, I present to you Theresa Sam whom the Methodist Conference has stationed to serve as a Probationer Deacon in this Circuit.

The presiding minister says to Theresa Sam

Will you hold before us the story of God's love and mercy,
above all, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and will you be among us as one who makes known the Good News,
by deeds of loving service?

I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in proclaiming the Gospel of life and hope.

Through Christ, we have Good News to share.

Will you hold before us the needs of others and be among us as one who ministers Christ's love and compassion?

I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in commitment to the way of Christ.

May we reveal Christ's way through our words and example.

Will you hold before us God's commitment to human community, to our neighbourhoods and all who live in them, and to the world that God has made?

I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in sharing God's all-embracing love.

May we respond to Christ in all we meet.

A Circuit Steward, says to the people:

Sisters and brothers, will you welcome Theresa and will you offer them your friendship, support, and prayers as we join together in the work to which God has called us?

With God's help, we will.

Welcomes are given by Circuit and Ecumenical representatives; Theresa may respond in her own words.

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love (StF 249)

PRAYER

Let us pray.

In faith we pray to God,
who is more ready to hear than we are to ask.

Let us pray for the Churches of our Circuit and District...
and for other churches in our area
that, rejoicing in our common heritage,
we may strengthen each other and be built up in love.

Silence

The Lord hears our prayer

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray for the life of the world,
that, rejoicing in our common humanity,
we may reject the ways of war and conflict
and work together for justice and peace...

Silence

The Lord hears our prayer

Thanks be to God.

Let us rejoice in the communion of saints,
that, strengthened by their faithful example,
we may follow the way of Christ
and live to God's praise and glory...

Silence

The Lord hears our prayer

Thanks be to God.

Give us wisdom, O God, to discern your will,
and courage to do it.
May our words declare your love
and may our compassion give substance to our words;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The people pray in English, or their first language.*

As our Saviour taught his disciples, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Peace

We are the Body of Christ.

**In the one Spirit
we were baptised into one body.
Let us therefore keep the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
we thank you that in every generation
you reveal your love for the world,
and set before your people
your word of life and hope.

We thank you for our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom you have made known
your way of perfect love,
and in whose dying and rising
we see your final purpose.

We thank you for your Holy Spirit,
who leads your people into all truth;
for the service and witness of your Church;
and for the preaching of your word
and the celebration of the sacraments,
through which you renew and strengthen us.

**All honour and glory be yours,
in the Church and in the world,
in time and in eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: Lord of creation, to you be all praise! (StF 449)

BLESSING

May the God of love stir up the gifts of grace
and sustain each one of us
in our discipleship and service.

And the Blessing of God,
Womb who bore us
Word who walked among us,
Breath that eases in us now,
be with us forever.

Amen.