

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Sunday 09 May 2021 9.45 for 10.00 am
Sixth Sunday of Easter Order of Service



Christian Aid Week 2021 10–16 May

'This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.'

"We may not all be gathered in the same building, but at this time, when we need each other so much, we are invited to worship together, from where we are – knowing that God can hear us all and can blend even distant voices into one song of worship."
National Worship Team

Call to Worship

Reader 1: Come and celebrate our common home
All: we gather with the family of humanity.
Reader 2: The mountains, islands and deserts
All: we honour the glory of God in creation.
Reader 1: The lakes, rivers and seas
All: we come to the source of living water.
Reader 2: With the land, its soil, seeds and sustenance
All: we give thanks for God's generous provision.
Reader 1: With the forests of great trees, the lungs of the planet
All: we will sing with joy and clap our hands.
Reader 2: We join with the whole of creation, inspired by those
who have gone before and the prophetic voices of today.
All: We dare to praise and pray for another possible world. Amen

Introduction of the theme

Hymn CH4 257 'Singing we gladly worship the Lord together'

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.
Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.*

*Those who are travelling the road of life
sow seeds of peace and love. (repeat)*

1

Come, bringing hope into a world of fear,
a world which is burdened down with dread,
a world which is yearning for a greater love
but needs to be shown the true way.

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.
Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.
Those who are travelling the road of life
sow seeds of peace and love. (repeat)*

2

Come bringing joyfully in both your hands
some kindling to light the path to peace,
some hope that there is a more human world
where justice and truth will be born.

Singing, we gladly worship.....

3

Whenever hatefulness and violence
are banished for ever from our hearts,
then will the world believe the day is near
when sadness and pain shall find their rest.

Singing, we gladly worship.....

Prayer of approach and Lord's Prayer

The Word of God: St John 15: 9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants,^[a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Music: 'Canticle of the Turning' by Rory Cooney

1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?
*My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!*

2

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the Depths of the past
To the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn
You will show your might
Put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn
My heart...

Comment

Prayer for the world

Hymn CH4 685 'For everyone born a place at the table'

1

For everyone born, a place at the table
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born a star overhead.
*And God will delight
When we are creators of justice and joy
Yes, God will delight
When we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy!*

2

For woman and man, a place at the table
Revising the roles, deciding the share
With wisdom and grace dividing the power
For woman and man, a system that's fair.

3

For young and for old, a place at the table
A voice to be heard, a part in the song
The hands of a child, in hands kind and wrinkled.
For young and for old, the right to belong.

4

For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.

Comment

Christian Aid Prayer read on film by Global Theology Advisor, Bob Kikuyu

*Great God,
Who makes the sun to rise, and opens the heavens,
Hear the cry of the people
Who sow in hope for rain, but reap only despair,
Hear the cry of the people
Seeking shelter from the storm, their hopes and homes submerged
Hear the cry of the people.
When creation is hitting back, with rage and resistance
Give us hope, grant us salvation,
Give us a new relationship with creation
With reverence to tend this gift from You
And say once again of the earth and all you created
It is GOOD.*

CH4 798 'The peace of the earth be with you'

Recorded by Katherine and Roger Williams

*The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you. (Repeat)*

The Grace – said together

'May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, now and evermore. Amen'

Blessing

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NOTICES

Next Sunday 16 May 2021

9.45am for 10.00am Joint Worship on Zoom (Service commences 10.00am) If you would like to be added to the e-mail list for the link to Sunday's live worship gathering on zoom or join in on your land-line please contact:

Rob e-mail sessionclerk@bartholchapel.org or

Alison Tel 851295 or e-mail aswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk

For those who have no internet access, Tarves Kirk will be open from 9.45am and the service will be live-streamed into the church from 10.00am. The usual indoor restrictions will apply, viz, hand-sanitising, wearing of masks and physical distancing.

Pastoral Care Please contact the Minister 01651 851295

Tell others about Christian Aid Week 2021

The focus this year is on the climate crisis and how it impacts on the poorest people of the world. The Christian Aid website has lots of resources for all ages and suggestions about fundraising. If you wish to make a donation you can do so online or by telephone.

www.christianaid.org.uk for a variety of ways to donate

Call 020 7523 2269 to donate by phone

Check out BBC Radio 4 podcast '39 ways to save the planet'