

Ecumenical Social Justice Service

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The Cathedral Church
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME - The Rev'd Julie Furner

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. *Amos 5.24*

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble. *Psalm 9.9*

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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TIS 547*

Please stand.

The Dean

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee, *William Williams 1717-1791*
I will ever give to thee. *r. Peter Williams 1722-96 and William Williams alt.*
TIS: 569

For all who are searching for healing and hope,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For wisdom in working for a future of justice and integrity,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For honesty and accountability in all our relationships,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For grace to change and be changed as you forgive us,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rev'd Julie

And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are confident to pray:

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the occasion

God, our redeemer and sustainer,

We pray for survivors of violence, abuse and neglect.

Give your power to the powerless,

Your fullness to the empty spirit.

Heal their wounds, free them from fear,

And restore them to true health.

Grant this through Jesus Christ

The crucified and risen Saviour

Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Dean Phillip

Friends in Christ,

we come together to meet with God,

and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

Today we gather together as a community to listen

to the voice of God calling us

to care for victims of family abuse.

We will hear from God's holy word,

and open our hearts in lament and prayer,

Please stand.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His steadfast love endures for ever!

Grace and peace be with you

and also with you.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Heavenly Father,

give us wisdom and understanding.

As we listen to your Word,

may we know you better,

love you more,

and learn to please you in all we do;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 55

1 Hear my prayer, O God:

and do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Give heed to me, and answer me:

I am restless in my complaining.

3 I am in turmoil at the voice of the enemy:

at the onslaught of the wicked.

4 For they bring down disaster upon me:

they persecute me with bitter fury.

5 My heart writhes within me:
and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

6 Fear and trembling come upon me:
and horror overwhelms me.

7 And I said 'O for the wings of a dove:
that I might fly away and find rest.

8 'Then I would flee far off:
and make my lodging in the wilderness.

13 It was not an enemy that reviled me,
or I might have borne it:
**it was not my foes that dealt so insolently with me,
or I might have hidden myself from them;**

14 But it was you, a person like myself:
my companion and my familiar friend.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT
Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor
rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will
be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

THE ADDRESS

Simon Bennett

Executive Manager, Anglicare Disability and Early Learning,

A time of congregational reflection and discussion follows

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

A LITANY

Eternal Majesty, Ruler of all things,
have mercy on us.

Living Word, Light in our darkness,
have mercy on us.

Holy Wisdom, Teacher of truth,
have mercy on us.

Holy and blessed Trinity, one God,
have mercy on us.

In these days of anger and unanswered questions,
have mercy on us.

In the pain of broken trust and shattered lives,
have mercy on us.

In our compassion for all who are suffering,
have mercy on us.

In our grief for all that has been lost,
have mercy on us.

From the abuse of power and exploitation in relationships,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From being too slow to recognise sin and the damage it does,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From the habits of manipulation and coercion
that distort our common life,
Good Lord, deliver us.

For all who live with painful memories,
Lord, hear our prayer.