

## Ealing Trinity Circuit

### Summer Worship Series 2017

based on 'God Has a Dream – A Vision of Hope for our Time' by Desmond Tutu

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**God Believes in Us**

#### **Call to Worship:**

'It was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.'<sup>1</sup> (*Psalm 139 vv 13 & 16*)

**Hymn:** StF 88 Praise to the Lord

#### **Prayers of Approach, Confession:**

Father God, we come with thankfulness in our hearts  
for the privilege of being called your daughters and sons.

We acknowledge that all we are, and all we may become,  
are the products of your loving creativity.

We bless you for the life you have given us here on earth;  
for the opportunities for learning and for growing in faith;  
for the pleasures of friendships and family life;  
for the glories of the natural world;  
for the challenges that come with being called to serve you.

As your children we are confident in coming before you,  
not as the people that you wish us to be,  
but as those striving to reach closer to that perfection as each day is lived.

We acknowledge that we have fallen short  
even of the standards we set for ourselves;  
we have said and done many things which we regret  
and we have failed many times to act as your followers should.

Forgive us our shortcomings; show us a better way forward,  
and support us as we struggle to improve our discipleship.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Friend of Sinners. **Amen.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness:**

This is the good news of Christ: your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** StF 660 Called by Christ to be disciples

**Scripture:**

Exodus 3: 1-12 God Calls Moses

Psalm 107 StF: 825 vv 1-21

Luke 9: 1-6 Jesus Sends out the Twelve

**Hymn:** StF 473 Moses, I know you're the man

**Reflection: God Believes in Us**

From p15 'If God is transfiguring the world . . . ' to end of chapter p18.

**Hymn:** StF 251 Jesus Christ is waiting

**Prayers of Intercession:**

God our Father, hear us in your love  
as we pray for the needs of the world.

We pray for the churches of this Ealing Trinity Circuit  
as they engage with 'A Vision of Hope for Our Time'.  
Touch your people with the power of the Holy Spirit  
as they develop a new vision for their situation and their community.  
May each member accept the reality of your belief in us,  
and the challenges that this offers.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in local, national or international affairs;  
give them a sense of responsibility towards every individual whose lives they influence.  
Encourage them to act with wisdom, compassion and justice,  
and give them the fulfilment that comes from serving others.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who feel they cannot take up your offer to be their Heavenly Father;  
for those who have been made to feel worthless;  
for those who have experienced discrimination or injustice;  
for those who feel they have lost all control over their own circumstances,  
and are without hope.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer from any hurt or loss;  
for those who are sick and the ones who care for them;  
for those who grieve and the ones that comfort them;  
for the hungry, the homeless, and for refugees and asylum seekers.  
Show us how we can act to give relief from distress.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As your children we are confident to ask these prayers in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

### **Offertory**

**Hymn:** StF 404 God's spirit is in my heart

### **Blessing & Sending Out:**

Go with the blessing of God the Father,  
to live as his sons and daughters.  
Go with the blessing of the Son,  
to follow his example of service to others.  
Go with the blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
to bring a vision of hope to the world.  
**Amen.**