

Ealing Trinity Circuit
Summer Worship Series 2017

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

SS17/2 30 July God's Dream

Call to Worship:

'O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.'

(Psalm 95: vv 1, 6-7)

Hymn: StF 678 Come, all who look to Christ

Prayers of Approach and Confession:

Heavenly father, we praise you; we worship and adore you.
We praise you for creating us individual, unique,
yet each in your image.
We praise you for creating us to live in communities,
for making us inter-dependent.
We thank you for the benefits this brings,
of comfort when we are sad;
of support when we are weak;
of love and companionship when we feel lonely.
We recognise that we are stronger together than when we act alone;
fully human only when we love others as we love ourselves.

We acknowledge that we are sometimes selfish and self-centred;
that we tend to put our own needs before those of others;
that we are careless of the well-being of those around us.

We call to mind situations in the past week,
when our priorities have been personal, not communal;
when we have promoted our own good at the expense of others.

Silence

Forgive us, O God;
limit the harm we have caused,
and make us willing to put right what we can.
Strengthen our commitment to building our community
so that each of your children finds their rightful, special place in your kingdom.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Here the Good News!

'If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' *(1 John 1: 9)*

Hymn: StF 160 Powerful in making us wise

Scripture:

Isaiah 58: 6-12 True Fasting

Psalms 24 StF 806

Matthew 7: 1-12 Judging Others

Hymn: StF 615 Let love be real

Reflection: God's Dream

From p25 'None of us comes into the world . . . ' to p28 ' . . . it will be only together.
And from p29 'Modern society . . . ' to end of chapter p29.

Hymn: StF 685 In Christ there is no east or west

Prayers of Intercession:

Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit;
three in one, yet indivisible;
hear us as we pray for the needs of our divided world.

We pray for all those who live in countries locked in civil war;
whose lives and work are disrupted by an ever-present fear of danger.
For minority groups who live with injustice and uncertainty;
for those cast out from their communities or treated as less than equal.

God of unity;

end the division of human lives.

We pray for our own country;
for political decision-making that promotes community rather than conflict;
for those who support inclusion rather than exclusivity;
for those who preach love and trust rather than division and hatred.

God of unity;
end the division of human lives.

We pray for our local communities;
for civic and religious leaders who work together for the common good;
for those who guard our security, and protect our health and well-being.

God of unity;
end the division of human lives.

We pray for our friends and families;
for the gifts of toleration and compromise, without which family life would crumble.
For the lonely and unloved who are equally your children;
the poor and the powerless who feel unsupported.

God of unity;
end the division of human lives.

Great God of unity, assist us in bringing an end to division, and an increase in peace,
for we ask these prayers in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Offertory

Hymn: StF 675 Because the Saviour prayed

Blessing & Sending Out:

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'

So go in peace, to live your lives as makers of peace in whatever situation you find yourselves;
and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you always.

Amen.