

Ealing Trinity Circuit

Summer Worship Series 2017

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

SS17/3 6 August God Loves You as You Are

Call to Worship:

'Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.'

(Isaiah 49: 15-16)

Hymn: StF 28 Jesus calls us here vv1-3 (or vv1-4 if it is a Communion Service)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving:

Loving, merciful God;
we come before you with songs of praise in our hearts
as we remember your unfailing goodness to us.
We thank you for the abundance of your creation which delights the senses,
and the richness and variety of the people made in your image.
We wonder at the marvels of science, the ingenuity of the human brain,
and the complexity of human relationships.
We read in Scripture that we are so precious to you that even the hairs of our head are
numbered.
We thank you for the generosity of your gifts to us, and pray that our worship be acceptable to
you, O Lord our God. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: StF 436 What shall I do

Scripture:

Isaiah 49: 1-7, 13-16 The Servant of the Lord
Psalm 121 StF 830
John 8: 1-11 The Woman caught in Adultery

Hymn: StF 423 Forgive our sins

Reflection: God Loves You as You Are

From p34 'The Bible places human beings . . . ' to p36 ' . . . this is what love commands.

Prayer of Confession:

Dear God, we know you are very close to us when we are bad and think bad things. Whenever we don't pray to you, you still love us. Forgive us and help us to stay close to you. **Amen.**

(Rita Safta)

Words of Assurance:

'There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 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.' *(Romans 8: 1, 38-39)*

Hymn: StF 443 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love

Prayers of Intercession:

Heavenly Father, you know each of us individually, and understand our needs before we ask. Hear us as we pray for the needs of all your children.

We pray for all who suffer discrimination because in some way they are different from what others would consider the norm. For those who feel themselves put down, unloved or unnoticed; those whose needs seem to be beyond the comprehension of others; and those who find themselves always the last to be considered.

Silence

We pray for the victims of injustice; for those who are exploited or abused by the greed and selfishness of others; for those denied legal redress for their sufferings, and those whose human rights are violated.

Silence

We pray for those who are influenced by the media, by advertising or by other people's words or looks, into believing that the human frame that you designed for them is unattractive, or inadequate.

Silence

We pray for all who work to bring dignity and proper pride to any of your children. We pray that we, too, may contribute to increasing the sense of worth of all those to whom we come into contact.

Silence

We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus who lived and died for all your children, and rose from the dead to welcome them all into your Kingdom. **Amen.**

Offertory

Hymn: StF 73 Fill Thou my Life

Blessing & Sending Out:

Go out, in the knowledge that you are a child of God,
ready to respond to his loving will.

Go out, to take your place in the family of all God's children,
ready to serve and to be served.

Go out, redeemed and saved, to share the Good News with all whom you meet.

Go with the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**