

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

Jesus said, ' Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.' (John 17: 6, 17-18)

**Hymn:** StF 65 Sing of the Lord's goodness

### **Prayer of Adoration:**

Almighty God,  
we praise you for the beauty of your Creation.  
We praise you for your great glory and power,  
which are shown in your wonderful world.  
All the things which we enjoy are from your mighty hand;  
you alone are to be praised for all the benefits and countless blessings of life .  
Inspire us to be positive in trusting you, and to be thankful to you for all your mercies,  
and make us more ready to serve you with all our hearts,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

Merciful Lord,  
we confess that we do not always walk in your way.  
We do things that reward us and fail to do what is right.  
Forgive us Lord, for not listening to your voice calling us into right ways.  
Forgive us for our lack of compassion, our fears and constant worrying  
that have made us lose our trust in you .  
Forgive us Lord, for anger and selfishness and for greed  
and all the things that cause us to alienate ourselves from you.  
We ask in the precious name of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Prayer for Pardon:**

Lord, in our uncertainty and confusion, we acknowledge our need of you.  
Let us hear your re-assuring voice; the Good News that our sins are forgiven.  
**Amen.**  
(Esther Ackah)

**Hymn:** StF 495 Dear Lord and father of mankind

**Scripture:**

1 Kings 19: 1-18 Elijah runs from Life

Psalm 84 StF 814

Matthew 28: 16-20 The Great Commission

**Hymn:** StF 104 God moves in a mysterious way

**Reflection: God Only has Us**

From p59 'Dear Child of God . . .' to p62 ' . . . in the image of God.'

**Hymn:** StF 693 Beauty for brokenness

**Prayers of Intercession:**

Jesus said, 'I was hungry and you gave me no food.'

We pray for all God's children who suffer from hunger or malnutrition today;

for those whose crops have failed, and who no longer have strength to plant and sow.

We pray God's blessing on all those individuals, organisations and government agencies that work towards the eradication of hunger; those who support and operate food banks, and scientists who research new strains of crops that may provide more abundant harvests.

Jesus said, 'I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink.'

We pray for all God's children who live without access to sufficient clean water;

for those for whom the daily task of fetching water takes all their energies.

We pray God's blessing on those who provide us with a secure supply of fresh water; and those who remind us that this is a precious gift and one that we should waste or take for granted.

Jesus said, 'I was a stranger and you did not welcome me.'

We pray for all who have been forced to leave their homes for whatever reason, and find themselves strangers in a new land.

We pray God's blessing on those who welcome refugees and asylum seekers into their communities and help them to build new lives;

those who promote interfaith dialogue and multi-cultural activities;

those who fight discrimination and injustice.

Jesus said, 'I was naked and you did not give me clothing.'

We pray for all in poverty;

for those who lack what we might call the necessities of life;

for those who never have new clothes to wear, or shoes that fit.

We pray God's blessing on those who offer their unwanted goods for recycling, and for charity shops and those who serve in them.

Jesus said, 'I was sick and you took no care of me.'

We pray for all those who are sick at home or in hospital;

for those whose health is precarious, and those facing terminal illness.  
We pray God's blessing on all who work in our National Health Service and in private hospitals and clinics;  
for paid and volunteer hospital chaplains;  
for those engaged in medical research.

Jesus said, 'I was in prison and you never visited me.'  
We pray for all prisoners; for those enduring punishment for wrong-doing, that they might be brought to new ways of living;  
for political prisoners and those illegally detained.  
We pray God's blessing on all who work in the justice system, that they may act with integrity and compassion;  
for the victims of crime and those who work in the field of restorative justice.

Jesus said, 'Just as you ministered to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'  
Help us, Lord Jesus, to hear your words, follow your example and be your servants in the world around us. **Amen.**

### **Offertory**

**Hymn:** StF 663 I, the Lord of sea and sky

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

Go out, looking with God's eyes for those who need your help;  
offering to be God's hands to serve your neighbours;  
showing God's love in the darkest places.  
And the blessing of God the Loving Father,  
and of his Son, Jesus, the Suffering Servant,  
and of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
be with us all and all who need us,  
now and forever. **Amen.**