



Wednesday 28 October 2020

Bread for the World

An Informal Eucharist

Introit *A Touching Place* *John Bell*
Sung live by Ellie Sperling, accompanied by Ben Giddens

Christ's is the world in which we move.
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the One who meets us here.
To the lost Christ shows His face;
to the unloved He gives His embrace;
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ, makes, with His friends, a touching place.

Feel for the people we most avoid.
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.
Chorus

Feel for the parents who lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled.
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.
Chorus

Feel for the lives by life confused.
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.
Chorus

John L Bell (born 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

Welcome and Opening Prayers *Revd Richard Carter*

Creator God,
Come to us, in the difference of every life gathered
Come to us in song
Come to us in word
Come to us in stillness and silence
Come to us in our care for one another
Come to us in bread and wine
Come to us in flesh and blood
Reach out across time
Be present in all time.

All **Amen**

All **Come Jesus, be our guest,
stay with us for day is ending.
With friend, with stranger,
with the young and old,
with the lost and found.
Be among us tonight.
Our guest, our host,
The one who says all – all are welcome here.**

Opening Hymn

Sung live by Ellie Sperling, accompanied by Ben Giddens

*A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

1 By this shall all men know you are my disciples
if you have love for one another.

Chorus

2 You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.

Chorus

3 I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.

Chorus

- 4 True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal.

Chorus

Verse 1 and refrain Anonymous; Verses 2-4 Aniceto Nazareth (fl. 1984)

Prayers for Forgiveness

God of life, you know the secret thoughts of every heart.
We lay before you our complex lives trusting in your infinite mercy
and love.

Silence is kept.

You raise the dead, you drive out fear, you bring peace to those
overwhelmed by life

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to those who are lost

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness and despair

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

And Jesus said "Your sins are forgiven"

In the Name of the Father who created you and waits to welcome you
home, in the name of the Son who searches for you, in the name of
the Spirit who brings the healing of forgiveness and calls you to do
the same, you have been set free.

All **Amen**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Reflection *Revd Richard Carter in conversation with Amrit Maan*

Anthem When I needed a neighbour
Sung live by Ellie Sperling, accompanied by Ben Giddens

Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving *led by Bala Sathiabaskaran*

Prayer of Concern *led by David Jones*

Prayer of Hope *led by Rosalind Beeton*

Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'.

Prayer chant Take O take me as I am
Sung live by Ellie Sperling during the prayers.

Sharing of the Peace

God is love and those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn

Sung live by Ellie Sperling, accompanied by Ben Giddens

- 1 Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in-the lost and forsaken,
gather us in-the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young-our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old-who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in-the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in-the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in-all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Marty Haugen (born 1952)

The Eucharistic Prayer

- The Lord be with you
All **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts
All **We lift them up to the Lord**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Together we pray:

- All* **Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free, and fill each one of us with your love from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast at your table with all your saints.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in our first language the prayer our Saviour taught us:

- All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Look, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world. The gifts of God for the people of God

All Jesus Bread of Life, Bread which is broken, Bread for the world.

Communion Anthem Lord's Prayer *Fanshawe*
Sung live by Ellie Sperling accompanied by Ben Giddens

Prayer after Communion

All Father of all, we give thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Thanksgiving Hymn
Recorded by St Martin's Voices

- 1 Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Nun danket alle Gott Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Blessing

Go simply, lightly, gently,
Go with obedience.
Go with love.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and for ever.

All **Amen**

Blessing Anthem A Gaelic Blessing *Rutter*
Sung live by Ellie Sperling, accompanied by Ben Giddens

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.

William Sharp (1855-1905) adapted by John Rutter

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