

**MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
ECUMENICAL LITURGY**

(A CANTERBURY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES INITIATIVE)

PRESIDED BY
FR. JOBBY JOHN
FR. KEVIN TOOMEY OP

PREACHER
PROF. DAVID KISSANE

29 OCTOBER 2023
ST. DUNSTAN'S CAMBERWELL

All stand as the bell is rung

Opening Hymn 547

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Welcome- Lynn Jerram

Acknowledgement of the country- Cathie Sheehan-
Silence

Invocation on Violin- Marion Doerig
Silence

Lighting of the lamp and bhajan- *Asathoma Sathgamaya sung by Halish Jobby* during which representatives of different denominations come forward and light the lamp.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Minister- The Lord be with you.

All- And also with you.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Minister- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God-
2 Corinthians 1.3-4

Jesus said: "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly". John 10:10

Opening prayer

Minister- Loving God, as a sign of the coming of your Kingdom, your Son cured many people of all types of disease. We come this evening thanking you for the gift of good health that you give us, and praying for those who struggle to thrive and maintain good health. We ask you to heal all in need of your powerful compassion and care.

Minister- We name before you in silence, those who are troubled in mind, distressed by the past, or dreading the future; those who are trapped and cast down by fear. Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all, bring healing, bring peace.

Minister- We ask your blessing on doctors and nurses, on all who look after those who are ill, and who give friendship to those who are distressed, Lord Jesus Christ lover of all, bring healing, bring peace.

Minister- We ask your guidance for those who administer the agencies of health and welfare that they may have wisdom and compassion. Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all, bring healing bring peace.

All this we pray through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First reading- Isaiah 40:28-31 by Denis Fitzgerald

Psalm 23 *(Sung)*

Our Father which 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors and
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory for ever. Amen.

Second reading- Philippians 4.4-8 by Revd. Stephen Field

Hymn- In Christ alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
Reproduced with permission

GOSPEL- Matthew 11:28-31 (*All stand*)

HOMILY- Prof. David Kessan

Silence

Solo Harp- Atri Arinia

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Lead by Mary– Anne & Paul Adams

After each prayer it is said:

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers

All: Grant that what we have asked in faith

**We may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Lighting the candles- A symbol of Hope

Each person is invited to come forward to light either a candle or a lamp, and places the candles in the receptacle provided. Lighted lamps are placed on the altar railings. This we do as an act of hope and compassion that we hold for each and every person who suffers from mental illness, and for which we pray.

During the candle lighting, the choir sings: Christ be our light

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today

With our own eyes, we see salvation
Within our hearts, we are set free
Your Word made flesh, hope of the nations
Light for the world to see!
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today

Christ, be our hope! Christ, be our purpose!
Christ, be our vision, radiant and bright!
Christ, be our Way, shatt'ring our blindness
Gifting us with your sight!

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today
Reproduced with permission

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Minister- Watch now, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, and all for your name's sake.

All- Amen.

Minister- Let us praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;

All- God is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Minister- May the Almighty and merciful God bless us and keep us.

All- Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 458

The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank you that your church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

As to each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
your church beneath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
your wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord: your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all your creatures own your sway.

Reproduced with permission

You are invited to the parish hall for some refreshments.

