

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ROME

**Ecumenical Service for the  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009**



**THAT THEY MAY BECOME  
ONE IN YOUR HAND**

*(Ezekiel 37: 17)*

***Officiant: Major Jane Paone (Salvation Army)  
Preacher: The Rev. Ian Coffey +***

## Order of Service

### Prelude: *Bleibet Hier (Taizé Chant)*



Blei-bet hier und wachet mit mir. Wa - chet und be - tet, wa - chet und be - tet.

### Processional Hymn: I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Hymnal 304*

### Opening Salutation

Officiant: May the grace and peace of God our Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

People: *And also with you.*

### Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

*all sing the responses*



Cantor All Cantor All

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, / all you / lands; \*  
*serve the LORD with gladness and come before his / presence / with a / song.*
- 2 Know this: The LORD him-/self is / God; \*  
*he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the / sheep / of his / pasture.*
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his / courts with / praise; \*  
*give thanks to him and / call u-/pon his / Name.*
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is / ever-/lasting; \*  
*and his faithfulness en-/dures from / age to / age.*

*(moment of silence)*

Officiant: Come near to God, let us come near to God, who is merciful towards us and the source of our hope and longing.

### Penitential Rite

Officiant: This year's worship has been proposed by Christians in Korea, one people divided into two countries. We will hear the prophet Ezekiel who had a vision of God uniting two separate pieces of wood. We gather as Christians from divided communities, praying for forgiveness for the scandal of our disunity and our inability to be ambassadors of reconciliation in the world. What paths of personal and ecclesial conversion must we take to arrive at full communion in Christ?

**Anthem: Christ Be Our Light***(S. Silvestro)**Christ be our Light! Shine in our hearts**Shine through the darkness.**Christ, be our light.**Shine in your Church gathered today.*

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| <p>1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.<br/>Longing for truth, we turn to you.<br/>Make us your own, your holy people,<br/>Light for the world to see.</p> <p>2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.<br/>Longing for hope, many despair.<br/>Your word alone has power to save us.<br/>Make us your living voice.</p> <p>3. Longing for food, many are hungry.<br/>Longing for water, many still thirst.<br/>Make us your bread, broken for others,<br/>Shared until all are fed.</p> | <p>4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.<br/>Longing for warmth, many are cold.<br/>Make us your building, sheltering others,<br/>Walls made of living stone.</p> <p>5. Many the gifts, many the people<br/>Many the hearts that yearn to belong.<br/>Let us be servants to one another,<br/>Making your kingdom come.</p> |
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**Officiant:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice.**People:** *Lord, we cry out to you, but so often we cry with many voices.***Officiant:** May your ears be attentive to my prayer.**People:** *We plead for unity but do not pay the price of reconciliation.***Officiant:** If you should remember our sins, O Lord, who would survive.**People:** *Who would survive? We come before you with our failure to respond to the suffering and divisions of the world.***Officiant:** But in you, Lord, there is forgiveness, that you may be revered.**People:** *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.***Officiant:** I await the Lord with all my soul, and I long for his word.**People:** *My soul waits for the Lord, more fervently than those who watch for the morning.***Officiant:** Ezekiel speaks this word of the Lord: I will deliver them from all their iniquities and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people and I shall be their God. They shall be one in my hand. God, you are our only hope.**People:** *Help us to be instruments of your reconciliation.***Celebration of the Word of God****Ezekiel 37:15-19, 22-24a***Read by Mary Styles (Footsteps)*

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the Israelites associated with it'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with it'; and join them together into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?' say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am about to take the stick of Joseph (which is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with it; and I will put the stick of Judah upon it, and make them one stick, in order that they may be one in my hand. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God. My

servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes.

**Anthem: Listen, Sweet Dove**

*(All Saints')*

**Philippians 1:3-11, 27-30**

*Read by John McGhie, (St. Andrew's)*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, sla - va tje - be Bo - je!

Al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, sla - va tje - be Bo - - je!

**John 17:8-11**

*Read by Willie McCulloch (St. Andrew's)*

For the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## Hymn: I Have a Dream



1. 'I have a dream' a man once said, 'Where  
 2. But in this world of bit - ter strife the  
 3. Fierce per - se - cu - tion war, and hate are  
 4. So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but  
 5. Lord, give us vi - sion, make us strong, help

1. all is per - fect peace; where men and wo - men,  
 2. dream can of - ten fade; re - a - li - ty seems  
 3. ra - ging ev - ery - where; God calls us now to  
 4. ne - ver be con - tent; for thoughts and words don't  
 5. us to do your will; don't let us rest un -

1. black and white, stand hand in hand, and all u - nite in  
 2. dark as night, we catch but glimps - ses of the light Christ  
 3. pay the price through strug - gle and through sa - cri - fice of  
 4. ease the pain: un - less there's ac - tion, all is vain; faith  
 5. til we see your love through-out hu - ma - ni - ty; u -

1. free - dom and in love, in free - dom and in love.'  
 2. sheds on hu - man - kind; Christ sheds on hu - man - kind.  
 3. stand - ing for the right; of stand - ing for the right.  
 4. proves it - self in deeds; faith proves it - self in deeds.  
 5. -ni - ting us in peace; u - ni - ting us in peace.

## Sermon Intercessions

The Rev. Ian Coffey +

Led by Fr. Michael & Sara MacVane (St. Paul's & All Saints')

*The congregation may sing along quietly during the intercessions*



O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

*Fine*  
 Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

Leader: With faith we pray to God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: *Lord, hear our prayer*

1: Let us pray for our local Christian communities, our churches and ecumenical groups; for those here present, and those who are absent from our assembly today. Lord, forgive us when we are indifferent to each other, and bring your healing to the wounds and divisions that keep us apart.

2: Let us pray for a deeper appreciation of our common baptism into the one body of Christ. Lord, sustain each of us and our communities as we continue on the path towards the unity you desire for all your disciples.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer*

1: Let us pray for our spiritual leaders and church authorities, that the Spirit may continue to enlighten them and grant them the grace to work in harmony, joy and love.

2: Let us pray for all civil authorities. Lord, grant that they may work towards justice and peace, and give them the wisdom to attend to the needs of all, especially the most vulnerable.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer*

1: Let us pray for all the nations and communities who live with deep divisions and internal conflicts. Lord, we remember in a special way the people of the Middle East, that their search for peace in spite of political divisions and separation may bear fruit, and be a sign of hope for all who seek reconciliation in the midst of divisions.

2: Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who, inspired by you, Lord, have held an important place in our lives of faith, and for all who have reflected your forgiveness, compassion and love. May their gifts and generosity inspire our own desire to give and to serve with our lives.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer*

1: Let us pray for all those who bring the gospel to bear on the great ethical challenges of our times. Lord, may we each learn to play our part in mitigating the global and ecological disasters which bring human suffering and threaten your creation.

2: Let us pray for all Christian churches and ask for your help, Lord, so that one day they may be able to gather around the table and share the fellowship of holy communion.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Officiant: Each in his or her own language, let us pray together in the words Jesus gave us:

People: *Our Father...*

### **The Peace**

*Led by Fr. Greg (S. Susanna)*

Leader: As a sign of our commitment to seek reconciliation, let us now offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Music at the Peace**

*Led by Matices (St. Paul's)*

*La paz esté con nosotros, la paz esté con nosotros, la paz esté con nosotros,  
Que con nosotros siempre, siempre esté la paz.*

*Queremos paz para el mundo, queremos paz para el mundo;  
Que reine siempre entre nosotros la paz que Cristo, Cristo, Cristo nos dejó.*

*Solamente en Cristo, solamente en él, la salvación se encuentra en él.*

*No hay otro nombre, dado a los hombres;*

*Solamente en Cristo solamente en él.*

**The Nicene Creed**

Officiant: Let us join together in professing the Nicene Creed  
 People: We believe in One God...

**Final prayers and Dismissal***(Ponte S. Angelo Methodist Church)*

Reader: 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 our Lord.

*(Romans 8: 38)**(Ponte S. Angelo Methodist Church)*

Leader: We leave this place of prayer to return to the particular circumstances of our own lives. Let us go forth strong in our faith and our hope, for God our Father has made all things new in Jesus Christ. He sends us to witness to his love and to play a role in the new creation. May God, who knows our joy, our anger and our pain, guide us always, and may we be courageous, stay faithful and live a life worthy of the Christian faith.

People: *Lord stay with us.*

**Offertory**

*This evening's generous offerings will be used for the  
 refugee breakfast feeding program at the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center.*

**Offertory Anthem: Mambo Sawa Sawa***(St. Paul's Choir)***Benediction***Led by all the Clergy*

Leader: Christians gathered here today, brothers and sisters in faith, we who would wish to be a sign of reconciliation through the power of the cross:  
 May the Lord bless us and keep us  
 May the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us  
 May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. *Amen.*

**Hymn: Joyful, Joyful we adore thee - Hymnal 376****Postlude: Salvation Army Band**

*Following the postlude refreshments will be served at the back of the Church.*

**Psalm 133**

*Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!  
 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,  
 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.*

**The Rev. Ian Coffey MTh**  
*Director of Leadership Training*  
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Ian is a Baptist minister who has led churches in suburban, city-centre and international contexts. For four years he pastored an international church in Geneva. Ordained in 1975, he is Director of Leadership training at Moorlands College on the South Coast of England. Moorlands is an interdenominational, international theological college affiliated to the University Of Gloucestershire offering courses at both undergraduate and post graduate levels.

Ian has a strong interest in writing and has published fourteen books and acts as a consultant to InterVarsity Press. His latest book is entitled; *Working it Out – God You and the Work You Do*. It examines the question; *Can we live as disciples of Christ in the workplace?*

Ian is married to Ruth and they have four adult sons. The Coffeys regularly take part in conferences and church events around the world. In 2009 they are speaking at events in Japan, Australia and France.

Ian has been closely associated for many years with Spring Harvest, an annual ecumenical teaching conference that draws 40,000 Christians. For eight years he served as member of the leadership team of this event.

Ian's passionate pre-occupation is to explain the Bible in language people can understand.

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