

TRINITY CHURCH (Methodist & United Reformed)

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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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10.30am Morning Worship with

Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance

led by the Revd Alan Grist

Church Stewards on duty: Caroline Atkins & Rosemary Richards

AV: Neil Oastler & Ntwana Msonthi

A special welcome to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service. There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our **Junior Church** will not be meeting today. Children are welcome to stay in the Service, or take advantage of the toys and activities in the Welcome Area.

Welcome & Notices

Time of Quiet

Preparation for Worship Ps.90: 1-2, 4

Immortal, invisible StF 55

Prayer of Adoration and Confession Lord's Prayer

Reading Psalm 46
Reader: Ruth Sillitoe

Reading Matthew 5: 43 - 48

Reader: Cate Davis

For the healing of the nations StF 696 (tune 232)

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Prayers for others and ourselves

What shall we pray for those who died, those on whose death our lives relied? Silenced by war but not denied.

God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who mourn friendships and love, their fruit unborn? Though years have passed, hearts still are torn; God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who live tied to the past they can't forgive, haunted by terrors they relive?

God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who know nothing of war, and cannot show grief or regret for friend or foe?

God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who fear war, in some guise, may reappear looking attractive and sincere?

God give them peace.

God give us peace and more than this show us the path where justice is; and let us never be remiss working for peace that lasts

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Collect

J By a monument of marble

StF 131

Act of Remembrance

(please stand if you are able)

Exhortation:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them

We will remember them

(Laurence Binyon)

Silence

Kohima Epitaph:

When you go home tell them of us and say, 'For your tomorrow we gave our today'.

(John Maxwell Edmonds)

Sermon

Remembrance and Reconciliation

Lord we have come at your own invitation

StF 595

Dedication of Offering

A Meal of Remembrance

As we come to the sharing of bread and wine we remember all that God has given us in Jesus. We are thankful for his words of wisdom, his inclusive love, his readiness to pour out his life on the Cross.

We remember that at the last meal with his disciples: He took bread and after giving thanks to God broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

This bread reminds us that we are part of the community of Christ.

In the same way, he took the cup and said: 'This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.' This wine reminds us that we have new life in Christ.

As we come to the sharing of bread and wine we recall his words from the Cross: 'Father forgive them they do not know what they are doing.'

May we be forgiving people.

'Into your hands I commend my spirit.'

May we commit our all to you in thankfulness for all you have given us in Jesus.

As this bread was once scattered seed, sown in the earth to die, and rise to new life, so gather all your children together in one body that is your purpose for us.



God! When human bonds are broken

StF 649

Closing Prayer:

Support us, O Lord, all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Methodist Worship Book)

Blessing

After today's Service

you are very welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea thanks to today's Coffee Rota volunteers Val Dalby & Judith Payne

Next week at Trinity
10:30am Morning Worship
led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson
Followed by
The Annual Church Meeting

Please take this sheet home for further thought and reflection.