

Transgender Remembrance Sunday 2020

Led by Fiona Bennett and Lorraine Miller

Gathering & Welcome

Call: Source, Guide & Inspiration

One: God of the past

ALL: Source of all being

One: God of the future

ALL: Shaper of hope

One: God of the present

ALL: Saviour beside us

One: God beyond time

ALL: Holy three in one

We worship you.

Hymn: All are welcome CH4 198

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Prayer

Movement

God of the past who has father and mothered us

God of the future who is always ahead of us

God of the present, who is here in the midst of us

God of all time, we offer you our worship and praise.

(point behind)

(point in front)

(hands open)

Time for all ages: Jonah

and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Hymn: Oh Freedom StF 697

Freedom, Oh Freedom,
Oh Freedom, freedom is coming,
Oh Yes I know!
Oh yes I know....

Justice, Oh Justice,
Oh Justice, Justice is coming,

Oh Yes I know!
Oh yes I know....

Jesus, Oh Jesus,
Oh Jesus, Jesus is coming,
Oh Yes I Know!
Oh yes I know....

South African Traditional WGR

Reading: Isaiah 56:1-8 read by Francis Nunez

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

2 Happy is the mortal who does this,
the one who holds it fast,
who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it,
and refrains from doing any evil.

3 Do not let the foreigner joined to the
Lord say,
'The Lord will surely separate me from
his people';
and do not let the eunuch say,
'I am just a dry tree.'

4 For thus says the Lord:
To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,

5 I will give, in my house and within my
walls,
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters;

I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.

6 And the foreigners who join themselves
to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of
the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not
profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of
prayer
for all peoples.

8 Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reflection by Lorraine Miller

TDOR Act of remembrance

By Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe read by Lewis Reay

Candles are lit

Moment of silence

Music by Mike Holroyd – There are no orphans of God

Prayer of Concern & Hope – based on prayer from MCC led by Fiona Bennett

Offering & Dedication

Hymn: Summoned by the God who made us StF 689

Summoned by the God who made us
Rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus
Richer still in unity.

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being
One in faith and love and praise.*

Radiant risen from the water
Robed in holiness and light,
Different genders in God's image
Different genders are God's delight.

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being
One in faith and love and praise.*
Delores Dufner OSB

Trust the goodness of creation;
Trust the Spirit strong within,
Dare to dream the vision promised
Sprung from seed of what has been.

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being
One in faith and love and praise.*

Bring the hopes of every people;
Bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
Let it sound through time and space.

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being
One in faith and love and praise.*

Notices

Notice is given of the Elders' Election to be held at the Church Meeting on 8th December 2020, with nominations of Full Church Members to reach the Church Secretary by Friday, 4th December.

Blessing & Sung Amen