

Season of Remembering

Transgender Remembrance

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Gathering & Welcome

Call: Source, Guide & Inspiration

One: God of the past

ALL: Source of all being

One: God of the present

ALL: Saviour beside us

One: God of the future

ALL: Shaper of hope

One: God beyond time

ALL: Holy three in one, we worship you.



Hymn: For everyone born a place at the table CH4 685

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and
bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for
growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.
And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!

For trans, woman, man, a place at the
table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the
power,
for trans, woman, man, a system that's
fair.
And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the
table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,

the hands of a child in hands that are
wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.
And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
For just and unjust a new way to live.
And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice, justice
and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and
worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.
And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!

Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

Prayer

Movement

God of the past who has father and mothered us (point behind)
God of the future who is always ahead of us (point in front)
God of the present, who is here in the midst of us (hands open)
God of all time, we offer you our worship and praise.

Time for all ages

Hymn: Freedom is coming

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

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

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

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

Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7 read by Laurence Wareing

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—
on them light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

4 For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of
Midian.

5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

6 For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for
evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Sermon by Kai Millar

Act of Remembrance for Transgender people killed over the last year

Communion – led by Maxwell Reay

Hymn: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of grace
This God's table it's not yours or mine
Come to table of grace.

Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799

This is the body of Christ
Broken that we might be whole.
This cup as promised by God,
True to God's Word,
Cradles our Lord
Food the good of us all.

Song: God Bless to us our bread CH4 763

God bless to us our bread;
And give bread to all those who are hungry,
And hunger for justice to all who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.

Hymn: Halleluya! CH4 674

*Halleluya! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
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all our hearts are filled with gladness.*

Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread;

I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger. [Refrain]

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free in doubt;
strong in faith, free in doubt,
tell to all the joyful Gospel. [Refrain]

Notices

Blessing & Sung Amen