



**Christian Aid service
Sunday 15 May 2022
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All hymns and the psalm are from '*Singing the Faith*'

Psalm 148: (StF 838 verses in STF 1' 3' 4' 5' 13).

- 1 Praise the Lord!
**Praise the Lord from the heavens ;
praise him in the heights !**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon ;
praise him, all you shining stars !
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens !
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
**for his name alone is exalted ;
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

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Hymn 116: Sing for God's glory

- 1 **Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation ;
sun of delight
succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.**
- 2 **Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that
would bind us,**

searing the darkness of fear and despair that could
blind us,
touching our shame
with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

- 3 Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to
confusion ;
lifeblood of right,
resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.
- 4 Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey
before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us ;
in them we see
the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

Kathy Galloway (*b.* 1952)
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Prayers of Praise and Confession

Lord's prayer

Introduction

Reading: Revelation 21: 1 – 6

Hymn 729. Touch the earth lightly

- 1 Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care :
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
- 2 We who endanger,
who create hunger,

agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster -
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

- 3 Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.
- 4 God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

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Reflection and Prayer

The story of Acts 11

Hymn 696: For the healing of the nations

- 1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,

that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

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Conversation about Justice

Prayer

Reading: John 13: 31 – 35

Hymn 708: O God of hope

1 O God of hope, your prophets spoke
of days when war would cease:
when, taught to see each person's worth,
and faithful stewards of the earth,
we all would live in peace.

2 We pray that our divided world
may hear their words anew:
then lift for good the curse of war,
let bread, with justice, bless the poor,
and turn in hope to you.

- 3 Earth's fragile web of life demands our reverence and our care, lest in our folly, sloth and greed, deaf both to you and others' need, we lay our planet bare.**
- 4 Earth's rich resources give us power to build or to destroy : your Spirit urges us to turn from selfish, fear-bound ways, and learn God's selfless trust and joy.**
- 5 The Prince of Peace is calling us to shun the way of strife : he brings us healing through his pain ; our shattered hope is born again through his victorious life.**

Basil Bridge (*b. 1927*) (*alt.*)

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Emergency Aid

Prayer

How we can help practically

Dedication of gifts

Hymn 101: Before the world began

- 1 Before the world began,
one Word was there ;
grounded in God he was,
rooted in care ;
by him all things were made,
in him was love displayed,
through him God spoke, and said,
'I am for you.'**

- 2 Life found in him its source,
death found its end;
light found in him its course,
darkness its friend.
For neither death nor doubt
nor darkness can put out
the glow of God, the shout,
'I am for you.'**
- 3 The Word was in the world
which from him came;
unrecognised he was,
unknown by name;
one with all humankind,
with the unloved aligned,
convincing sight and mind,
'I am for you.'**
- 4 All who received the Word
by God were blessed;
sisters and brothers they
of earth's fond guest.
So did the Word of grace
proclaim in time and space
and with a human face,
'I am for you.'**

John L. Bell (*b.* 1949) and Graham Maule (*b.* 1958)
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