



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. 9th May.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome

Hymn

Sing to God new songs of worship
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm.
He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness.
Sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the King

Sing to God new songs of worship
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters,
sound your praises to the Lord.
Let the hills be joyful together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

The night has passed and the day lies open before us
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

A silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
So may the light of your presence O God
Set our hearts on fire with love for you, Amen

INTRODUCTION

Isaiah 55 vv1-11

A prayer...especially for the people of India.

I will say of the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust'.

God of power and might we lift our brothers and sisters in India and all who are suffering everywhere to you.

We pray for your protection,

We pray for your provision,

We pray for the nations of earth to have compassion.

When people are in need, you are our refuge.

When people are scared, you are our refuge.

When people are mourning, you are our refuge.

Compassionate God, draw close to those who seek your refuge today.

May your love that never fails, strengthen the weak,
encourage the fearful, calm the anxious and heal the sick.

May your Holy Spirit move us to continue to share your love in countless words of grace and acts of kindness wherever we can.

May all find comfort in knowing that nothing can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **AMEN**

Hymn

Beauty for brokenness hope for despair

Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer

Bread for the children justice, joy, peace

Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives cures for their ills

Work for the craftsman trade for their skills

Land for the dispossessed rights for the weak

Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness his cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness carelessness, greed
Make us content with the things that we need

God of the poor

Lighten our darkness breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise
God of the poor

Confession We bring to mind those things which we have done which we ought not to have done, and those things which we have left undone which we ought to have done. We make our confession to God in the silence of our hearts.

Absolution God alone knows. He sympathises with our weaknesses and forgives all our transgressions. To Him there are no secret struggles nor silent cries. He hears. He sees. He loves. He forgives for He is the Father of all mercies, the God of all comfort.



Reading John 15 vv 9-17

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Creed - Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with His love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit who strengthens us from on high.

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN

Let us pray

Collect for Christian Aid Week

Great God,

Who makes the sun to rise, and opens the heavens

Hear the cry of the people

Who sow in hope for rain, but reap only despair.

Hear the cry of the people

**Seeking shelter from the storm,
their hopes and homes submerged.**

Hear the cry of the people,

When creation is hitting back, with rage and resistance

Give us hope, grant us salvation,

Give us a new relationship with creation

With reverence to tend this gift from You,

And say once again of the earth and all you created

It is GOOD. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn.

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores
what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory
in Jesus we know
and here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God
is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened
in place of despair.

The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice:
believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun,
in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call
and all things cry 'Glory!'
to God all in all.

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and those whom you love, now and forever. AMEN.

NOTICES

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. AMEN



**THE POOR AND THEIR FRAGILE ECONOMIES
SUFFER MOST FROM CLIMATE CHANGE**

**CHRISTIAN AID ARE HIGHLIGHTING
THESE PROBLEMS THIS YEAR**



Homes and whole communities flattened by storms.



Crops destroyed, farmers' livelihoods lost, so people starve.



No rain, so forests die devastation to the communities relying on and

living in these vast areas



Lakes dry up, thousands of animals die those depending on the animals for their livelihood have no income, whole communities are plunged into catastrophe.



Places used to growing tea and coffee no longer have the right weather. Tea and coffee could become too expensive and farmers starve as they have no jobs.