

St. Mary's Bromley



Christian Aid Week

15-21 May 2022

10.30 a.m. Family Service

8th May 2022

Welcome

Let us praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

from Psalm 148

Song – Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you

Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you
and you are always making all things new.
what is wrong, you forgive, and the new life you give
is what's turning the world upside down.

The world's only loving to its friends,
but your way of loving never ends,
loving enemies too; and this loving with you
is what's turning the world upside down.

The world lives divided and apart,
you draw men together, and we start
in your body to see that in fellowship we
can be turning the world upside down.

The world wants the wealth to live in state,
but you show a new way to be great:
like a servant you came, and if we do the same,
we'll be turning the world upside down.

Oh Lord all the world belongs to you
and you are always making all things new.
send your spirit on all in your church whom you call
to be turning the world upside down.

Patrick Appleford

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father awaken our sense of responsibility, and kindle our imaginations. Give us confidence to redress the balance of the greed and selfishness in your world and empower us to act as channels for your transforming love. Amen.

Confession

Creating God,
we confess our role in damaging your creation.

Loving God,
we ask you to forgive us for forgetting our global neighbours.

Redeeming God,
we pray to be free of the sin which burdens us.

Absolution

The Lord God hears your prayer and freely gives you his forgiveness.

The Lord knows your heart and give you his love.

The Lord understands your desires and will lead you into wholeness.

Amen.

Reading – Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded
and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds,
which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel
who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

Birthdays

Everyone who has had a birthday since our last Family Service is welcome to join us at the front and receive a candle.

We then sing the following:

**Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
may God bless you and keep you,
happy birthday to you.**

Song – When I needed a neighbour

When I needed a neighbour,
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
Were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty,
Were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed...

I was cold, I was naked,
Were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed...

When I needed a shelter
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
And the creed...

When I needed a healer,
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed...

Wherever you travel,
I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.
And the creed...

Sydney Carter

A Song of Kingdom Come, introduction

Creativity – our youngsters are given a task to do

Reading – John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

A Song of Kingdom Come, some thoughts

Video and reflections

Creativity – our youngsters return with their offering

Song – Jesus Christ is waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

*John L. Bell and Graham Maule
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Prayers

To the bidding

We pray for your kingdom to come

Please respond

By you Holy Spirit, transform this world

Our prayers conclude

**Lord, may justice, truth and peace;
reign in our hearts, communities and nations. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Notices

Song – One shall tell another

One shall tell another and he shall tell his friend
Husbands, wives and children shall come following on
From house to house in families shall more be gathered in
And lights will shine in every street so warm and welcoming

Come on in and taste the new wine

The wine of the kingdom

The wine of the kingdom of God

Here is healing and forgiveness

The wine of the kingdom

The wine of the kingdom of God

Compassion of the Father is ready now to flow
Through acts of love and mercy we must let it show
He turns now from His anger to show a smiling face
And longs that men should stand beneath the fountain of His grace

Come on in

He longs to do much more than our faith has yet allowed
To thrill us and surprise us with His sovereign power
Where darkness has been darkest the brightest light will shine
His invitation comes to us it's yours and it is mine

Come on in

Graham Kendrick

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Blessing

In the name of God who plants the seed of justice: Be hungry.
In the name of Christ who hangs on the tree of love: Be fruitful.
And in the name of the Spirit who inspires God's will in our hearts
and our lives: Be celebrated.

You are Christ's people, here and throughout the world
now and forever. **Amen.**

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**Christian Aid Week
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Envelopes for donations to Christian Aid are available in Church from Sunday 8 May ready for Christian Aid Week which runs from 15 to 21 May.

Please place gifts in the plate at the back of church or hand them to Peter Boyden.

Thank you for your continued support of this important charity's work.

*Marvellous May
at St Mary's*

***Organ Recital
and Asti Quartet Singers***

***4pm Sunday 8 in the church building
suggested donation £10***

Discover a range of rich and wonderful music from our talented organists and singers. Includes tea and cake.



More details are on our website

<https://www.stmarys-bromley.org.uk/happening-now/marvelous-may/>

