

CCN Sunday, 27th September 2020

Liturgy

Introduction to the filmed service – Alice Farnhill, CCN Project Officer

Litany of Reconciliation led by Revd Sacha Slavik, Chaplain at Bablake School

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Collect: Hope in Uncertainty - Canon Kathryn Fleming

Loving God, you hold us steady through the storms of life.

We come to you bearing raw wounds of loss and grief,

Knowing fresh fractures in our world and in ourselves,

Full of fear that threatens even our peace in you.

Meet us in this strange landscape.

Give us grace, so we may sing your songs of hope

And the strength to work with you to make all things new

In Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bible Reading: Revd Sarah Bourne

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" ³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Reflections from some of our CCN partners around the UK: representatives from a hospital chaplaincy, the CCN UK & Ireland Board Chair, and three of Coventry Diocese's ICON Schools. Feel free to insert your own local stories and updates instead to fit your own context if preferred.

a) Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Trust chaplaincy

The Pledge for Transformation - the regular reading for interfaith and non-faith partners associated with Coventry Cathedral through the CCN's sister organisation, Together for Hope

For **love**, which heals wounds,

we will stand.

For **generosity**, which opens space for hope,

we will stand.

For **nurturing**, which builds a culture of peace.

we will stand.

For **compassion**, which seeks the best for all,

we will stand.

For **respect**, which enables us to love with difference,

we will stand.

For **humanity**, which allows healthy relationship with other,

we will stand.

Together for hope,

we will stand.

b) Mark Simmons, CCN UK & Ireland Board Chair

c) ICON Schools

Prayers – led by Revd Mary Taylor, Flodden Peace Garden, and Revd Angie Lauener, Abbeydale and Millhouses parish, Sheffield

We offer these prayers of intercession as a guideline only, realising that we live in an uncertain global pandemic at this time and individual partners will be more aware of their own local situations in September.

Let us pray.

We give thanks for all the reconciliation work inspired by Coventry Cathedral and its network of Cross of Nails partners around the world.

We think of all who bear physical and mental scars from wounding experiences of the past – from sexual abuse, war, poverty, or emotional trauma of any kind.

Lord, pour your spirit of healing and wholeness into their hearts and minds, that they may be the people you made them to be.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray that we may live with difference and celebrate diversity.

We think of all who are marginalised, excluded or hated because of their colour, background, sexuality or political views.

Give us grace to value our diversity, to love each other as equals, as you created us; that we may realise that we have more in common than that which divides us.

May we listen and be kinder to one other.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, give us grace to build a culture of peace.

That we may play our part in healing of the nations and bringing justice and peace.

We pray remembering all who have been bereaved and suffered in any way from the global COVID 19 pandemic.

We think of the wounding of our planet by over-exploitation and lack of care for our environment.

Lord, give us the grace to work together to care for your creation.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to reimagine a world that is healed of its wounds and of pandemic disease.

That we may realise that:

“We are waves of the same sea, leaves of the same tree, flowers of the same garden.”

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

May all our worship and service be given in a spirit of reconciling love and graciousness.

Homily: the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry

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Based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us.

And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind;

And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Now and always.

Amen.