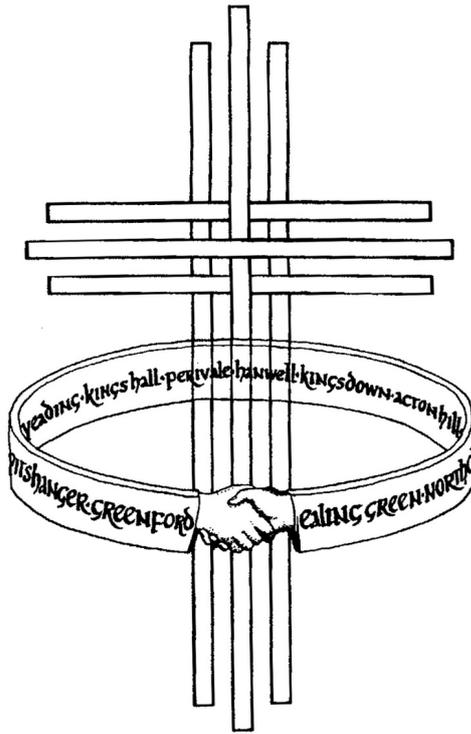


The Methodist Church
Ealing Trinity Circuit



**A Circuit Service
of Welcome**

29th August 2021

HYMN All people that on earth do dwell StF 1

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed;
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why, the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from earth and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore. Amen**

William Kethe (d. 1594)

Prayers

God of truth,
you are worthy of higher praise than we can offer,
and of purer worship than we can imagine.
By your Holy Spirit, assist us in our prayers
and draw us to yourself so that what is lacking in our thoughts and ac-
tions,
and in our words and music, may be supplied by your overflowing love,
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Zabor/Geet King's Hall (Urdu/Hindi) congregation
Rabb ki howe sana hamesha Rabb ki howe sana
Rabb ki howe sana hamesha Rabb ki howe sana

Rabb ki howe madahsarai, Rabb ki howe madahsarai
uske naam ki sana, hallelujah uske naam ki sana hamesha

Rabb ke ghar mein howe sitaish, Rabb ke ghar mein howe sitaish,
uske humd-o-sana hallelujah uske humd-o-sana hamesha

Kamon mein hai woh kaisa qadir, Kamon mein hai woh kaisa qadir,
Uski qudrat bata hallelujah. Uski qudrat bata hamesha

Jai ke zor se phunko narsinge, Jai ke zor se phunko narsinge, bar-
bat been baja hallelujah barbat been baja hamesha

Tardar sazon pe ragni chhero, Tardar sazon pe ragni chhero,
daf aur table baja hallelujah daf aur table baja hamesha

Bansuri par suna suren sureli, Bansuri par suna suren sureli,
jhan jhan jhaanjh baja - hallelujah jhan jhan jhaanjh baja - hame-
sha

Sare milkar tali bajao, Sare milkar tali bajao,
gao Rabb ki sana hallelujah gao Rabb ki sana hamesha

Prayers

Gracious God,
when we do not listen for your word in the words of others,
forgive and renew us.

When we do not use the gifts you have generously given us,
forgive and renew us.

When we do not love one another as sisters and brothers in Christ,
forgive and renew us.

When we do not serve our neighbours in their need,
forgive and renew us.

When we do not share the Good News with those around us,
forgive and renew us.

God calls us to serve, forgives us in Christ, and renews us by the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

God of all grace, you call your church to be a holy people
to the praise of your name.
In the power of your Spirit, fill our hearts with your love
and our lives with your glory, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn: Speak O Lord as we come to you StF 161

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word
Take your truth, plant it deep within us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All your purposes, for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Joly reverence, true humility.
Test our thought and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.**

*Keith Getty (b.1974) and Stuart Townend (b.1963)
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The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Numbers 11:16-17 and 24-25a

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. ¹⁷I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied.

Gospel Matthew 22 v 34-40

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon The Reverend Nigel Cowgill, Chair of the London District

Hymn: **Lord, you call us to your service StF 664**

**Lord, you call us to your service,
each in our own way.**

Some to caring, loving, healing;

some to preach, or pray;

some to work with quiet learning,

truth discerning,

day by day.

**Life for us is always changing
in the work we share.
Christian love adds new dimensions
to the way we care.
For we know that you could lead us,
as you need us,
anywhere.**

**Seeing life from your perspective
makes your challenge plain,
as your heart is grieving over
those who live in pain.
Teach us how, by our compassion,
we may fashion
hope again.**

**Lord, we set our human limits
on the work we do.
Send us your directing Spirit,
pour your power through,
that we may be free in living
and in giving
all for you.**

*Marjorie Dobson (b 1940)
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The Presentation, Promises and Welcome

Sisters and brothers, I present to you Ajay Singh whom the Methodist Conference has stationed to serve as a Presbyterian in the Ealing Trinity Circuit.

Ajay, will you hold before us
the story of God's love and mercy,
above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and will you be among us as those who preach the word of God,
administer Baptism, preside at the Lord's Supper, teach the faith,
and care for the flock?

*I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me
in proclaiming the Gospel of life and hope.*

Through Christ, we have Good News to share.

Will you hold before us God's call to holy living
and be among us as those who awaken the careless
and strengthen the faithful?

I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in commitment to the way of Christ.

May we reveal Christ's way through our words and example.

Will you hold before us God's commitment to human community, to our neighbourhoods and all who live within them, and to the world that God has made?

I will. I ask God to help me, and I invite you to join with me in sharing God's all-embracing love.

May we respond to Christ in all we meet.

The minister of Acton Hill Church

*Rev George Watts, Synod Moderator of the United Reformed Church
Thames North Synod, will say:*

The Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church confess the faith of the Church Catholic in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They acknowledge that the life of faith to which they are called is a gift of the Holy Spirit continually received in Word and Sacrament and in the common life of God's people. They acknowledge the Word of God in the Old and New Testaments, discerned under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as the supreme rule of faith and practice for all God's people.

The Methodist Church accepts the further undertaking made by Sue prior to this service, to exercise her ministry in accordance with the Nature, Faith and Order of the United Reformed Church.

Ajay, will you exercise your ministry in accordance to Nature, Faith and Order of the United Reformed Church?

With God's help, I will.

A Circuit Steward, says to the people:

Sisters and brothers, will you welcome Ajay and will you offer him your friendship, support, and prayers as we join together in the work to which God has called us?

With God's help, we will.

Welcomes are given by Circuit and Ecumenical representatives; the new minister may respond in her own words.

Choir Anthem: Take my life and let it be, WH Jude

Prayers of intercession

for the healing of the church, the nations and individuals concluding with this prayer:

Christ our Saviour, born for us,
bring healing and peace to all people.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, baptized in the Jordan,
give hope to all who come to you.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, tested in the desert,
give courage to those who are tempted.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, who comforted and healed,
bring wholeness to all who are broken.
Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, who hung in agony on the cross,
bring strength to those who suffer.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, who died to save us,
give peace to all those who face death.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, raised from the tomb,
bring light and life to all the world.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.
Christ present among your disciples,
unite all people in your love.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Silence

The grace of Christ attend us,
the love of God surround us,
and the Holy Spirit keep us,
this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Peace

We are the Body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into the one body.
Let us therefore keep the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The people may share a sign of the peace.

Offering

Prayer *Rev Rachel Bending*

Gracious God,
we thank you that in every generation
you reveal your love for the world,
and set before your people
your word of life and hope.
We thank you for Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom you have made known
your way of perfect love,
and in whose dying and rising
we see your final purpose.

We thank you for your Holy Spirit,
who leads your people into all truth;
for the service and witness of your Church;
and for the preaching of the word
and the celebration of the sacraments,
through which you renew and strengthen us.

**All honour and glory be yours,
in the Church and in the world,
in time and in eternity;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN Love divine, all loves excelling StF503

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Blessing

May the God of love stir up the gifts of grace
and sustain each one of us
in our discipleship and service.

And the Blessing of God,
Womb who bore us
Word who walked among us
Breath that eases in us now,
be with us forever.

Amen.

The Circuit would like to thank all our civic and ecumenical guests, and the people of Acton Hill Church for their preparation and hospitality today.

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