

Decommissioning of Christian Aid Deliverers

O God, you give us a vision of a world where those who now weep shall laugh, those who are hungry now shall feast and those who are poor and excluded now shall have an honoured place at the table. We want to be part of bringing that vision to reality and so we thank you for all who have collected on behalf of Christian Aid and pray that their efforts will play a part in bringing about a more just and equal world.

**Amen**

Hymn (sung by the choir):

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing, of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail, throughout eternity.

The Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

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Welcome

*A churchwarden welcomes us*

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
"I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
Here on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
You the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
You within the veil have entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

*Informal words of welcome are said.*

### The Prayers of Penitence

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in  
all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### The Gloria (sung by the choir)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

**but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### Agnus Dei (sung):

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### Giving of Communion

Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us

**Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

Anthem O God, the King of glory - Purcell

### Post Communion Prayers

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us  
into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this  
mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*We pray together*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body, live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup, bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary the Mother of our Lord and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

*Silence is kept*

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,**

The Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on  
earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the  
Father. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 36: 24-26

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries,  
and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you,  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your  
idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will  
put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and  
give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you  
follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you  
shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my  
people, and I will be your God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 1

New Testament Reading Acts 1:15-17, 25-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd  
numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the  
scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold  
concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—  
for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this  
ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the  
time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the  
baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of  
these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they  
proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus,  
and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's  
heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the  
place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to  
go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on  
Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading John 17:6-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *After the sermon a short period of silent reflection is kept.*

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you, Alleluia  
**and also with you. Alleluia**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We exchange a sign of peace.*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion, Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,