

HYMN R & S 60(490)



God who spoke in the beginning
forming rock and shaping spar,
set all life and growth in motion,
earthly world and distant star;
he who calls the earth to order
is the ground of what we are.

God whose speech becomes incarnate
- Christ is servant, Christ is Lord! -
calls us to a life of service,
heart and will to action stirred;
he who uses our obedience
has the first and final word.

God who spoke through people, nations,
and events long past and gone,
showing still today his purpose,
speaks supremely through his Son;
he who calls the earth to order
gives his word and it is done.

Words *Fred Kaan (b. 1929)*

Tune RHUDDLAN
*Melody in Edward Jones's
Musical Relicks of Welsh Bards' 1800*

CLOSING RESPONSES AND BLESSING

O God by whose command the order of time runs its course:
Forgive our restlessness, perfect our faith and while we await the
fulfilment of your promise, grant us to have a good hope in Jesus Christ
our Saviour. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

St Paul's Cathedral



Faith to heal a broken world:
Engaging with the Millennium
Development Goals.

23 October 2005

EVENING SERVICE

1800

The Dean and Chapter warmly welcome you to St Paul's Cathedral.

In 2004 the Cathedral and Diocese of London celebrated an important anniversary of the foundation of the first cathedral on this site. St Mellitus - the first Bishop of London - dedicated a church under the patronage of St Paul on top of this low hill overlooking the Thames 1400 years ago last year.

We welcome all who come to this holy place to join in the prayers and praises of God's people as a link in the tradition of faith that we thankfully receive, and eagerly pass to those who will follow us as members of the body of Christ.

St Paul's Institute is running a programme of events this Autumn entitled "What Can One Person Do?". The series of lectures, services and seminars are focussed on consideration of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

The services at 6pm throughout October will enable us to be still and to meditate on the issues surrounding global poverty, with practical suggestions for us to contribute to its eradication.

The Millennium Development Goal we are focussing on this evening is to:

Ensure Environmental sustainability

We will be looking at its associated targets: To integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reverse the loss of environmental resources. To halve by 2015 the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. To have achieved by 2020 a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers.

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READING

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural, which is infinite, which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any - lifted from the no
of all nothing - human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

e.e. cummings

WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO?

Act of Commitment.

From the Lavenham church in Nairobi

We cannot merely pray to you O God to end war.
For we know that you have made the world in such a way that we must
find our own path to peace within ourselves and with our neighbours.
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy.

We cannot merely pray to you O God to end starvation.
For you have already given us the resources with which to feed the
whole world.
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

We cannot merely pray to you O God to end despair.
For you have already given us the power to clear away slums to give
hope, if only we would use our power justly.
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy.

**May the words that we pray and the deeds that we do be accept-
able before you our Rock and our Redeemer.**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom in the words Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Your word O God is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Within us O God we find the fountain of your living waters prepared by
you for our health and strength;
Yet the wrongs of the world and of our lives reach deep into our hearts
and close off the ways that lead to your life-springs.
In your mercy, open again the paths you have established within us
which lead to your dwelling.
Help us to find rest for our souls and learn again truths hidden from
outward sight.
It is for replenishing of strength, a restoring of health that we pray
In the belief that a healing of our spirits is for the healing of our fami-
lies, our nations and the world.
Amen.

PRESENTATION ON MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL 7:

To Ensure Environmental Sustainability

Given by Canon Dr Edmund Newell

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

READING

Genesis 1. 1-10

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

All sing

HYMN R & S 42 (245)



For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

Words *F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

Tune AR HYD Y NOS
Welsh Traditional Melody