

Thanksgiving for Founders and Benefactors

Wesley House Cambridge

1st December 2022



**Sun Setting Between Hills,
Graham Sutherland, 1937**

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

Service led by the Principal, The Revd Dr Jane Leach

During the service please mute
until you are invited to join a small group

Welcome

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Hymn: Hills of the North, Rejoice
sung by Jesus College Choir

Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
let praise his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

Prayers of Adoration

Voice 1 O Word of life,
Voice 2 O Word of truth,
Voice 3 Enlightening the darkness
 from before the foundation of the world.

Voice 1 O Music of the spheres,
Voice 2 O Sound of silence,
Voice 3 Resounding through each cell
 and all the galaxies of time and space.

Voice 1 O Emmanuel,
Voice 2 O God contracted to a span,
Voice 3 Putting aside all power but the power of love.

Voice 1 O Bright Sun of justice,
Voice 2 O Judge of all the world,
Voice 3 Straightening all that is crooked
 in the long arc of justice.

Voice 1 We adore you.
Voice 2 We adore you.
Voice 3 We adore you.

Voice 1 Come Lord Jesus.
Voice 2 Come Lord Jesus.
Voice 3 Come Lord Jesus.

Prayer of Confession

In the light of the weight of God's glory revealed in Christ Jesus we confess our frailty and our need of grace:

The self-centredness of our worship,
The narrowness of our vision,
The limits of our compassion,
Our blindness to injustice.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Fill us with your Spirit, that:

Encountering your love we may become loving;

Receiving your generosity we may become generous;

Trusting your faithfulness we may endure to the end.

Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour

Amen.

A collect for Founders and Benefactors

God of all wisdom and insight, who inspired the vision that founded this house and prompts the generosity by which it is sustained, give us grace so to follow the examples of our Founders and Benefactors that we, and all God's people, may grow in learning, devotion and service, through Jesus Christ, on whom all our hope is founded. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah,

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

2:4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

*A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 24.36-44
read in Mandarin by PhD student, Zhongya Shao.*

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,³⁶ but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together;

one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day* your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Sermon

The sermon is interspersed with three pieces of music:

- Psalm 122 *sung by the Revd Dr Carole Irwin*
- Come my way, my truth, my life
sung by former members of college
- We turn to you O God of every nation
sung by current members of college

THANKSGIVING

- David Peniket thanks donors on behalf of the Board of Trustees.
- Prof Morna-Hooker Stacey, former Chair of the Board of Trustees and Life Fellow shares her testimony as a donor
- The Revd Stella Mwiti, PhD student, shares her testimony as a scholarship recipient

Sharing in small groups: our connections with Wesley House and what we are thankful for

*Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession
led by the college chaplain, Deacon Donna Ely*

Generous God, through one man's vision you laid the foundations of this House in the city of Cambridge and within the precincts of its ancient university. For his courage and conviction, his vision and generosity, we give you thanks,
We give you thanks.

For those who built on his work; for those who have reclaimed and redefined his vision in successive generations; for all those whose gifts of money and time, presence and prayer, enable this community of study to function, equipping us for ministry and leadership in the global church, we give you thanks,
We give you thanks.

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give you thanks,
We give you thanks.

Prayers of petition and intercession

*At each bidding we sing the Xhosa refrain:
Thy will be done on earth, O Lord.*

As we look back and give thanks, teach us to discern the things that really matter; as we look forward to the future, give us courage and imagination; as we live in the present, open our minds and our hearts to your leading.

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho

Come to your world as King of the nations...
Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.

Come to your Church as Lord and Judge...
Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing to do your will.

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.

Come to your people as Saviour and bearer of pain...
Enfold us all in your love and mercy, wipe away the tears of failure, fear and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.

Come to us from heaven with power and great glory, and lift us up to meet you, where with all your saints and angels, we will live with you for ever. Today especially remembering our friends in light who have died during this last year: Robert Bean, Brian Beck, Philip Beuzeval, Kenneth Cracknell, Ruth Davis, Brian Goss, Gerald Hainsworth, Ray James, Dick Jones,

John Keeling, Wyndham Kent, Stanley Rudman, Peggy Skinner, Brian Tibbetts.

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

We say this together in the languages of our hearts

THE PEACE

May the God of peace make you holy
and keep you free from every fault
as you wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: Tell Out My Soul

Sung by Jesus College Choir

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Christ the Sun of Righteousness
shine upon you
and prepare your hearts and souls
to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be yours, now and always.

Amen.

The day of the Lord is surely coming.
Be faithful in worship,
unwavering in hope,
fervent in the work of God's kingdom
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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