



Finding Hope Together
REMEMBERING THOSE LOST
AND SUFFERING DUE TO ADDICTION

Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7.30pm

Prior to the service you are invited to add a message about a loved one in the Book of Remembrance, which is situated next to The Matthew Project stall.

Please stand at the entrance of the clergy.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Canon Andy Bryant

The work of The Matthew Project is introduced by Rachel Chapman, CEO of The Matthew Project

OPENING HYMN

Tune: Cwm Rhondda

All **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

Words by William Williams (1717-91)

SAYING SORRY

Acknowledging that we all sometimes get things wrong, a time of confession is introduced

We are too quick to judge others
and to make assumptions about their actions
Lord, have mercy
All **Lord, have mercy**

We are not always as willing to help
and to offer support as we should be
Christ, have mercy
All **Christ, have mercy**

We do not always follow the right path
and by our actions can cause hurt to others
Lord, have mercy
All **Lord, have mercy**

As a sign of our desire to lay down past burdens, we are invited to come and lay our pebble at the foot of the candle by the altar, as Bel Sonus sing Lift me up (by Rihanna - arrangement by Emily Drum)

We then hear the assurance of God's forgiveness:

To all and to each,
Where regret is real,
God pronounces pardon
And grants us the right to begin again.
All **Thanks be to God!**

SHARING

We hear how The Matthew Project has made a difference in the lives of those it helps

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

We sit and reflect on the story we have heard as Bel Sonus sing The Climb (by Miley Cyrus - arrangement by Deke Sharon)

READING

Romans 8: 31-32, 35, 37-39 Read by The Lady Dannatt MBE, Patron of the Matthew Project

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A REFLECTION by the Revd Annie Blyth, Chaplain to The Matthew Project

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The organ plays as the Book of Remembrance, is placed on the altar

PRAYERS *led by Canon Chris Copsey*

The Prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

All **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.**

HYMN

Tune: Slane

All **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

*Words by Jan Struther (1901-53)
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THE SHARING OF LIGHT

As an expression of our shared hope, a representative of each family is invited to come forward to receive a candle, during which Bel Sonus sing You'll never walk alone (from Carousel - arrangement by Mac Huff)

BLESSING *given by Canon Andy Bryant*

DISMISSAL

All When the way ahead is difficult and the path is dark
We find hope together.

All When we feel afraid and full of doubt
We find hope together.

All When our options are limited and we feel confused
We find hope together.

All God is always with us and walks beside us each day
We find hope together.

There will be a retiring collection for The Matthew Project.

After the service anyone who would like to be prayed for individually or to receive anointing please come to St Luke's Chapel.

Please stay for refreshments, which will be provided in the South Transept of the Cathedral.

The Book of Remembrance will be available after the service for the names of loved ones and messages to be added.