



Finding Hope Together
REMEMBERING THOSE LOST
AND SUFFERING DUE TO ADDICTION

Thursday 28 September 2023 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.

Along with your order of service, you will be given a pebble to hold.

Immediately prior to the start of the service, the African Choir of Norfolk will sing 'Senzenina'.

Please stand at the entrance of the clergy.

SUPPORTING

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Led by Canon Andy Bryant

OPENING HYMN

Tune: How great thou art

All **O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
*Then sings my soul ...***

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die – I scarce can take it in:
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
*Then sings my soul ...***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
*Then sings my soul ...***

*Words translated from Russian by Stuart Hine (1899-1989)
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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 the African Choir of Norfolk sing 'Changamire'.

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!**

PROVIDING

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 stories we have heard as the African Choir of Norfolk sing 'Asimbonanga'.

READING Luke 24.13-35

Read by Rachel Chapman, CEO of The Matthew Project

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because

it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

EMPOWERING

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

A Reflection by the Venerable Keith James, Archdeacon of Norwich

In silence a Matthew Project Worker brings forward the Book of Remembrance and it is placed on the altar

PRAYERS

Led by Canon Chris Copsey

The Prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray
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.**

All **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
 Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
 Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
 Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
 Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
 Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
 Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
 O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
 Be thou my inheritance now and always,
 Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
 O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
 O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
 Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Words from Irish, c. VIII century

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 the African Choir or Norfolk sing 'Muka Muka iwe'.

BLESSING

Given by Canon Andy Bryant

DISMISSAL

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

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

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

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

As our service concludes, the African Choir of Norfolk sing 'Kwaheri'.

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.