



FATHER FORGIVE

A Service to Mark the Presentation of a Cross of Nails to Branscombe CE Primary School



24th September 2018



The Gathering

Before the service, the School community gathers.

Revd John Lees, Associate Minister of Holyford Mission Community, provides a welcome to the congregation.

Everyone STANDS to sing

Hymn – Peace is Flowing Like a River

**1. Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.**

**2. Love is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.**

**3. Joy is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.**

**4. Hope is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.**

Welcome

Revd John, leading the service, says:

The Lord be with you:

and also with you.

A large candle is then lit by a child.

Revd John: We light this candle as a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the World, and he is with us now.

Prayer

Jesus, we love you.

We know you are with us now.

Help us to shine as lights in the world.

Help us to work hard for peace.

Help us to be more like you,

today, and every day,

here, and everywhere.

Amen.



The Word of God

Bible Reading

Colossians 3:12-17 - read by Jay and Reginald

Hymn – Sing Hosanna

**1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.
Keep me burning till the break of day.**

***Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King!***

**2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Keep me singing till the break of day.**

***Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King!***

**3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Keep me serving till the break of day.**

***Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King!***

**4. Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Keep me resting till the break of day.**

***Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King!***

Short Talk

Given by Mrs Emma Griffiths (Associate Director of Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral)



Stories of Reconciliation

Mrs Gray and the pupils of Branscombe CE Primary School

The pupils will show selections of art and drama work that promote peace and reconciliation in our school community.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CROSS OF NAILS

Hymn – Peace Perfect Peace

**1. Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**2. Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**3. Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself:
he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.

When anyone is united to Christ there is a new creation:
the old order has gone; a new order has already begun.

He has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation:
in Christ's name be reconciled to God.

In joy and gratitude we present this Cross of Nails to you.

May it be a sign to you, and to all people, of the reconciliation won for us on the cross.

Cathedral representative: This is your Cross

School: We shall take it

Cathedral representative: A symbol of hope

School: We shall believe it

Cathedral Representative: A symbol of peace

School: We shall share it



When the Cross has been received it is placed in a prominent place, and everyone says 'The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation', after an appropriate introduction.

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

Father Forgive.

The selfishness of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

Father Forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

Father Forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Father Forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless and the refugee,

Father Forgive.

Anything which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

Father Forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father Forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Revd John introduces

**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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.**



The Sending Out

Hymn – You can Build a Wall Around You

**1. You can build a wall around you,
Stone by stone, a solid ring;
You can live alone, in an empty home,
Be in charge and be the king.**

***Break out, reach out,
Make the walls crumble down, down, down.
Break out, reach out,
Make the walls tumble down.***

**2. You can build a wall around you,
Stop the sun from shining in;
There'll be snow-topped trees and a chilling breeze,
Always winter, never spring.**

***Break out, reach out,
Make the walls crumble down, down, down.
Break out, reach out,
Make the walls tumble down.***

**3. You can build a wall around you,
Slam the door shut fast and firm;
There's no friend at hand who can understand,
To love you, and help you learn.**

***Break out, reach out,
Make the walls crumble down, down, down.
Break out, reach out,
Make the walls tumble down.***

Blessing