

MORNING PRAYER
ECUMENICAL CENTRE CHAPEL
Monday, 17 October 2016
Churches' Week of Action on Food

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The theme for World Food Day 2016 is "Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too."*

In the Ecumenical prayer cycle, this week we pray for Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.

[Please stand, as you are able]

Opening Responses

Leader: Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
 the world, and those who live in it;

**All: For God has founded it on the seas,
 and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
 And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
 who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
 and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: They will receive blessing from the LORD,
 and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**All: Such is the company of those who seek the Lord,
 who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**All: Be lifted up, O ancient doors!
 That the Glorious Lord may come in.**

Leader: Heavenly Lord, Comforter;
We come to you, hungry and thirsty for righteousness.

**All: Come and dwell in us.
Satisfy us so that we might offer
hospitality, food and rest
to the hungry and weary.**

Appropriate Hymn

[Please be seated]

Reading: Genesis 9: 9, 10, 14 - 16

“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

Confession and renewal

Leader: God made God’s covenant with humanity and with all the living creatures;

All: We remember the covenant, Lord!

Leader: We were made caretakers, co-creators and stewards of the world;

All: We have neglected and undermined creation!

Leader: Food that sustains life is denied to many in this unjust world;

All: We are blind to hunger and neglect!

Silence

Leader: Lord, we seek your forgiveness;

All: Lord, grant us grace to be renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: We have to keep our part of the covenant. We have to care for creation, preserve life and the biodiversity of our planet and reduce the human contribution to climate change.

All: With your grace, we will, our Lord!

[Please stand, as you are able]

Appropriate Hymn

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 28-31a

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 recognised him;
[Please be seated]

Prayer

Leader: Listen to the other;

All: Give us knowledge, Lord!

Leader: Receive the stranger and share food with the other;

All: Reveal yourself to us, Lord!

Leader: Walk with us Lord;

All: Share our lives and our burdens, Lord!

Leader: Partake in the food that you have provided us;

All: Reveal yourself to us, Lord!

Intercession

In the Ecumenical prayer cycle, this week we pray for Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

Leader: For the beauty of the mountains, rivers, the delta and forests;

All: We thank you, Lord!

Leader: For all who work for conserving the environment and work to overcome the impact of climate change;

All: We thank you, Lord!

Leader: For people and churches in Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal, and their service to people and their accompaniment of communities to live full and resilient lives;

All: We thank you, Lord!

Leader: We pray for peace amongst peoples.

All: We pray for abundant harvests that all can benefit from.

Leader: We pray for protection of people from natural disasters.

All: We pray for justice for all, including farmers, workers minority communities and women.

Appropriate Hymn



Food for Life

The Lord 's Prayer (in one's own language)

Prayer of commitment

Leader: May we always be hungry for righteousness;

All: Overcome injustices that brings about hunger!

Leader: May we always be hungry for peace;

All: Overcome insecurity, suffering and displacement!

Leader: May we always yearn to care for each other and the environment;

All: The earth will remain abundant for all creation!

Amen.

Sharing the sign of Peace

