

Sunday 10 September 2023  
TRINITY 14

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# ST JAMES

## Islington N1 8PH

**Collect: God our creator, help us to appreciate all your gifts and to value the contribution of every person from every ethnic origin. Keep us from being content with prejudice and bigotry so that from your eternal peace may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice and a willingness to give, in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Welcomer Martin and Kerry Allen  
Reader Susan Sorensen and Chris Carter  
Interceder Kerri Allen  
E Min Ken Thompson  
Coffee Vicky Bellamy  
**Music:**  
Entry TP134 The Church of Christ  
R Psalm Palm 72  
Offertory AM563 Jesus Christ is waiting  
2SC *What wondrous love Weaver*  
Final AM635 For the healing  
Mass Burley Mass



**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** Many of us hoped, twenty years ago, that there would be no need for such a annual commemoration. Surely, we thought, we have left behind the idea that we treat people differently because of the colour of their skin? Sadly this isn't the case. But today I would also like to take this one stage further by exploring why it is that, as Christians, we still find it difficult to accept people 'as God made them'. How can it be that one of my colleagues should be forced to say that in Church, 'you don't get heard unless your face fits'?

**ISLINGTON PROMS** Thanks to the organisers, the Proms Concert programme for 2023 looks as varied and interesting as ever and we do hope you will try to come to at least some of the events. The season opens this Friday with the Beaumont Singers who regularly rehearse at St James'. They are stunningly good and have just returned from the Boxgrove Festival to much acclaim. Not to be missed. Please see posters for details of all the Proms events: do support as many as you can.

PCC met on Wednesday. We heard from Maria Burniston about her vision for Sunday School during the interregnum as she emphasised the need to have something in place for our children every week. We have postponed major work on the building and the revision of the website for this year. The Profile group are working hard and there is to be a meeting with the Diocesan Property Committee to review the sale of the Vicarage. Birthdays in the Weekly News will not be date specific to avoid the scammers - and we are still in search for a Minutes Secretary for the PCC. Any offers?

**A Quiet Night**  
A leading a cappella choir sing sacred music from the English Renaissance to the present day  
Plainsong, Taverner, Mendelssohn, Rachmaninov, Sheppard, Harvey, Chesnokov, Park and more  
**Friday 15 September 7.30pm**  
St James' Church  
Prebend Street, N1 1PH  
Tickets £20/£15 from  
www.trybooking.co.uk/CNCF  
www.islingtonproms.com

**WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.**

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass and there is a card-reader on the back wall for digital donations. We are very grateful for your kind support.
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

*St James' Islington: discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century*



**PROMS FESTIVAL MASS** Next Sunday, 17th September we welcome the well known broadcaster Bishop Michael Marshall, as our preacher. Michael is an old friend and married Maria and I back in 1981! We are also delighted that a special choir will be singing good choral music, accompanied by Adam Dickson  
on the new organ. Do spread the word and come yourselves.

THIS WEEK (and next)

## ISLINGTON PROMS

### Caroline Griffiths

#### 'From Dalston to the Regent Canal'



**'From what I can remember'**  
John Burniston: 60 years behind a camera - a retrospective on screen  
SEPTEMBER 4th TO OCTOBER 1st 2023  
St James' Church, Prebend Street N1 8PH  
Open daily from 10-6pm Free Entry  
www.carolinegriffiths.net www.islingtonproms.com

Sun 10 TRINITY 14 8am Mass 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL with the Second Sunday Choir.  
Mon 1-5pm Rehearsal, Freddie Crowley.  
Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 4pm New First Holy Communion programme starts at the Vicarage.  
Wed 10am Mass. 7-9pm Sing Community choir resumes.  
Thurs 5pm Jonathan Wober prepares for his illustrated Proms talk in 18th. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office session. 7-9pm Cantallini.  
Fri 12noon Rehearsal. 7.30pm PROMS 1 Beaufort Singers recital.  
Sat 4pm Rehearsal. 7.30pm PROMS 2 Baroque Concert.

Sun 17 TRINITY 15 8am Mass 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCH. with Bp Michael Marshall and the Tait Consort.  
Mon 7.30pm PROMS 3 7.30pm Jonathan Wober 'All around the houses'.  
Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 4pm FC programme, Vicarage.  
Wed 10am Mass. 10.30-5.30pm English Chamber rehearsal. 7pm Loretta and Shaun prepare for their wedding on October 21st. 7-9pm Sing.  
Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office session. 7-9pm Cantallini.  
Fri 10.30am Piano tuning. 7.30pm PROMS 4 Anthony Hill Memorial Concert: Yoon Chung, Romantic Dances.  
Sat 3.30pm rehearsal. 7.30pm PROMS 5 Greenwich Trio play music by Ravel and Faure.

Sun 24 TRINITY 16 8am Mass 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 4pm PROMS 6 Youth Prom.

Calendar and Daily prayer themes

Sun 10 TRINITY 14 Jessica and Tayah Phillips; Rosemary Ross  
Mon 11 DEL Week 23 Helen Schofield; Sam, Joe, Charlie and Isla Seabrook  
Tues 12 Feria Susan and Eric Sorensen; Vera Taggart; Fr Stephen Taylor  
Wed 13 St John Chrysostom Ken and Margaret Thompson; Fr Victor de Waal  
Thurs 14 Holy Cross Day Fr Jim Walters; Kathryn Wark; Tim Willis  
Fri 15 St Cyprian Belle Williams, Tom, Poppy, Pearl and Bow Wheatley  
Sat 16 St Ninian Chris and Chrissie Wright, Lisa, Darren, Max and Oscar  
Sun 17 TRINITY 15 Louise Ahmet, Vinney, Benjy and Sienna Payne

## PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

**BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns this week to Norah Hodge, Shirley - and to Ken Thompson who will be a magnificent 86!

**SICK** Elizabeth Batchelor, Denise Clarke, Peter Freeth, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Delia Rockett, Hazel Saunders, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.

**INDOOR MEMBERS** Annie Bryan, Vivien Carlton, Kingsley Lewis (Bridgeside Lodge) and Wendy Fisher Gordon.

**ANNIVERSARIES** 11th: The "9/11" bombing of the New York Twin Towers in 2001; 12th: Dinah Jerome (1987); 14th: Tom Burgess.

**INTERNATIONAL LINKS** *In the US:* Fr Travis Smith, Rector of Holy Comforter, Angleton and Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. *In Japan:* Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, now transferred to a university chaplaincy in Tokyo.

**PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** We pray for the release of *Peter Jouvenal*, held by the Taliban since December 2021 and for all political prisoners.

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK** We pray for all those concerned with the war in Ukraine, remembering the meeting between the leaders of Russia and North Korea; we pray for an end to the worsening conditions for Christians in China.



Open from 12 noon each Monday.



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PARISH MASS  
for Trinity 14  
Racial Justice Sunday  
10 September 2023

as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1



May God bless every  
£1 we give so that St  
James' will be here,  
not just for today and  
for tomorrow, but for  
the future he wants to  
create.

PARISH MASS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2023

Entry Hymn: **TP134 The Church of Christ**

[t AM262 Melcombe]

*The Church of Christ, in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit led,  
must claim and test it's heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live until they die.*

*Then let the Servant Church arise,  
a caring Church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

*We have no mission but to serve,  
in full obedience to Our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating Word.*

**The Greeting**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

**Words of Preparation**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and in sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Creator of life and love,  
you have given us a world of richness and diversity to enjoy.  
Yet we have allowed ourselves to be divided  
by prejudice, jealousy and mistrust.  
We have become insular and distant to one another  
and deaf to your appeals that we be one.  
We have sinned against you.  
Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Even though we feel angry and ashamed,  
we have failed to speak out for social justice and racial justice.  
We have ignored the needs of those around us  
leaving the vulnerable without an advocate  
and the neglected without a friend.  
We have sinned against you.  
Christ have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We stand before you - male and female, black and white, young and old.  
Each of us has fallen short of our calling to love  
and every one of us has put their own interests  
before the needs of those around us.  
We have sinned against you.  
Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all those who truly repent, have mercy  
upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen  
us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria

Dom Gregory Murray

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins for the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect

**God our creator, help us to appreciate all your gifts and to value  
the contribution of every person from every ethnic origin. Keep us  
from being content with prejudice and bigotry so that from your  
eternal peace may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice  
and a willingness to give, in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Sit

## The Word of God

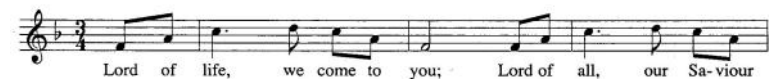
*1st Reading:* (2 Kings 5: 1-3, 9-14) Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stay sitting for the Responsorial Psalm

## Psalm 72



Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
that he may rule the people righteously  
and the poor with justice. **(R)**

He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall come down like rain  
upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth. **(R)**

In his time shall the godly flourish;  
there shall be an abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more.  
All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations shall do him service. **(R)**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does such wondrous deeds! **(R)**

*2nd Reading:* (Acts 10: 34-36, 39a, 43-46a) Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.*

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

### Gospel Acclamation

*We sing together:*

Al - le - lu - ia! Your words, O Lord, are spi - rit and life.

Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen our hearts to your word.

*We say together:*

**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

*We sing once more: Alleluia, alleluia..*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(St Matthew 12: 15b-21) After Jesus had departed, many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, but he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smouldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**The Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father.  
God from God, light from light, true God from true God,  
begotten not made, of one Being with the Father;  
though him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Intercessions

At the end:

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Stand

### The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.  
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: **AM563 Jesus Christ is waiting** [t. Noel Nouvelet]

**Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets:  
No one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.  
Listen Lord Jesus, I am lonely too;  
make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**

**Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too;  
in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.**

**Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets,  
where each sign of hatred he, with love defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too;  
let my care be active, healing, just like you.**

**Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,  
where each sign of hatred he, with love defeats.  
Listen, Lord, Jesus, I should triumph too;  
where good conquers evil, let me dance with you.**

**Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'  
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few:  
walk one step before me. I will follow you.**

(Words: John Bell and Graham Maule)

Remain standing

At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.  
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at  
this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give  
you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Though you called Israel to be your people  
in whom all races would find a blessing,  
from earliest days your people were divided by law and class and ethnicity.  
As persecutors and persecuted, their journey of faith  
was riven by fear as well as triumph, by exile as well as restoration.

Yet always you have been a peacemaker, for in Jesus  
you broke down the dividing wall of hostility.  
You promised that the meek shall inherit the earth  
and that to the poor of heart belongs the Kingdom of heaven.

And so we give you thanks and we praise your holy name,  
joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven  
in their unending hymn of praise:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
 san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

Sit or kneel

God of deliverance and forgiveness, through your Son's dying and rising you have released us from the debt of sin into the company of the forgiven.

Sanctify us, who share in this sacred meal, so that we may be living signs of jubilee hope in your freeing, redeeming and life-giving promises.

Send down, your Holy Spirit,  
 that these gifts of the earth, made by human hands,  
 may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
 took bread and gave you thanks;  
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
 he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;  
 this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all  
 for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
 until you come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
 his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
 and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,  
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

We bring before you this bread and this cup and thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup,  
 so that we, in the company of Mary the Mother God,  
 St James, St Peter and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,  
 through him from whom all good things come, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

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B  
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy king-dom come,  
 Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,  
 and for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us.  
 And lead us not in-to temp-tation, but de-liv-er us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ev-er and ev-er, A-men.

## Fraction

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
 because we all share the one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy up - on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy up - on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er

of the world: give us your peace.

## Invitation

Draw near with faith: receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 which was broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you  
 and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving;  
 for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
 Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
 but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Sit

## After Communion

After Communion the Second Sunday Choir sings: *What wondrous love is this*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
 to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the lamb, I will sing, I will sing.  
 To God and to the lamb, I will sing, I will sing.  
 To God and to the lamb who is the great I AM,  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 and when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be  
 and through eternity I'll sing on.* (Words and music: American folk hymn arr Geoff Weaver)

## Communion Antiphon:

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the right of all who  
 are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly: defend the rights of the poor and the  
 needy, says the Lord.

## Post Communion:

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our  
 neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the  
 courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
 with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
 Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
 to be a living sacrifice.  
 Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
 to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Community Notices

### Blessing

### Dismissal

Stand

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Final Hymn: **AM635 For the healing of the nations** [t Alleluia Dulce Carmen]

*For the healing of the nations,  
 Lord, we pray with one accord,  
 for a just and equal sharing  
 of the things which earth affords.  
 To a life of love in action  
 help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom,  
 from despair your world release,  
 that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
 all may come and go in peace.  
 Show us how through care and goodness  
 fear will die and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living,  
 let it from the earth be banned:  
 pride of status, race or schooling,  
 dogmas that obscure your plan.  
 In our common quest for justice  
 may we hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator-God, have written  
 your great name on humankind;  
 for our growing in your likeness  
 bring the life of Christ to mind;  
 that by our response and service  
 earth its destiny may find.*

(Words: Fred Kaan)