

**MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH**  
**Live Streamed Service Every Sunday**



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 10.45am**

**ASCENSION SUNDAY &  
CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE**

**Led by Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth, with the congregation in church  
and online**

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Micah 6:8 ‘...what does the Lord require of you, but to **do justice**, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God’

Acts 1:8 – ‘But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you will be my **witnesses...to the ends of the earth.**’

## **AS A DIVERSE PEOPLE, THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD**

**Organ Voluntaries**

**Welcome & Intimations**

**The Grace**

**Preparatory Silence for Worship**

**Call to Worship (adapted from a Christian Aid Prayer)**

Leader: Come and celebrate our common home

**All: We gather with the family of humanity.**

Leader: With the mountains, islands and deserts

**All: We honour the glory of God in creation.**

Leader: With the lakes, rivers and seas

**All: We come to the source of living water.**

Leader: With the land, its soil, seeds and sustenance

**All: We give thanks for God’s generous provision.**

Leader: With the forests of great trees, the lungs of the planet

**All: We will sing with joy and clap our hands.**

Leader: We join with the whole of creation, inspired by those who have gone before and the prophetic voices of today

**All: We dare to praise and pray for another possible world.**

## Hymn 181 For the Beauty of the Earth, sung by Milda Zinkus

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

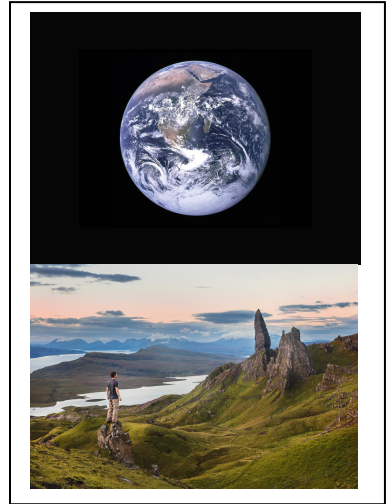
*Christ, our God, to you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

5 For each perfect gift and sign  
of your love so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven: [Refrain]



### **Prayer of Approach, Praise and Confession & Lord's Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

### **The Collect for Ascension Day – said by all**

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the

Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**Old Testament**

**Micah 6:1-4, 6-8**

**Robin Cavaghan**

### **God Challenges Israel**

**6** Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> 'O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam...

### **What God Requires**

<sup>6</sup> 'With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**Anthem**

**Give Alms of thy Goods**

**Chamber Group**

Words: Offertory sentence from the Book of Common Prayer; Music:  
Christopher Tye (1500 to 1572)

*Gives alms of thy goods and turn never thy face from any poor man,  
and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.*

**The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

**The Ascension of Jesus**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

**Sermon 'No Planet B'**

Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth

**Anthem****Thou Visitest the Earth****Chamber Group**

Words: from Psalm 65; Music: Maurice Greene (1696 to 1755)

*Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou crownest the year with thy goodness***Mayfield Salisbury Christian Aid Group****Kate O'Brien**

# Prayer of Dedication and Intercession (including Christian Aid Week prayer)

Mayfield Salisbury Eco-Congregation Group

Marjory Grant

## Hymn When Out of Poverty is Born, sung by Milda Zinkus

1. When out of poverty is born  
a dream that will not die  
a landless, weary folk find strength  
to stand with heads held high,  
it's then we learn from those who wait  
to greet the promised day:  
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart  
Be blest: prepare the way!'

2. When people wander far from God,  
forget to share their bread,  
they find their wealth an empty thing,  
their spirits are not fed.  
For only just and tender love  
the hungry soul will stay.  
And so God's prophets echo still:  
'Be blest: prepare the way!'

3. When God took flesh and came to  
earth, the world turned upside down,  
and in the strength of women's faith  
the Word of Life was born.  
She knew that God would raise the low,  
it pleased her to obey.  
Rejoice with Mary in the call:  
'Be blest: prepare the way!'

Words: Kathy Galloway

Tune: Kingsfold



## Closing Responses

Leader: Because we are loved by God,

**All: We will share God's love with everyone.**

Leader: Because we are God's people,

**All: We will care for each other.**

Reader: Because we are part of God's creation,

**All: We will care for the Earth.**

## Benediction

May God bless us with wonder at creation's glory.

May God bless us with fury at creation's spoiling.

May God bless us with courage at this critical hour.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest  
upon us and on all creation,  
this day and for the future to come. Amen.

## Organ Voluntary

### TODAY'S ANTHEM MUSIC

"Give almes of thy goods" is by Christopher Tye, a contemporary of Thomas Tallis. He became prominent in the reign of Edward VI to whom he taught music. He was a member of the Chapel Royal and was organist and choirmaster at Ely Cathedral. The anthem is for the most part "polyphonic" with parts layered over each other, but at times it is "antiphonal" with two voices together answering the other two to emphasise particular text such as the word "never".

The anthem "Thou visiteth the earth" is a Psalm setting by the English Georgian Baroque composer Maurice Greene, organist at the Chapel Royal and Master of the King's Musick. He was a contemporary of Bach and Handel. It is in the style of an elegant minuet. The charming melody is first sung by a tenor solo and then repeated by the chorus.

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**INTIMATIONS**

## ZOOM COFFEE TODAY AT 12NOON

Everyone welcome after the service for Zoom Coffee and Chat!

The link is: <https://zoom.us/j/91620889282?pwd=SWVlZmQzMk9YZ2lBaTRCVlUvZ215dz09>

Bring your own coffee (or tea/juice!) If you prefer to phone in, the number to call is 0131 460 1196.

- FORTHCOMING SERVICES** The service next week (**23 May**) will be at 9.30am. Thereafter, the services will alternate week by week between 9.30am and 10.45am, including communion on 13 June. We understand that this may be confusing at times so please do call the church office (0780 801 1234) at any time or check the website for further information:  
**[www.mayfieldsalisbury.org](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org)** Forthcoming dates and times are:
  - Sunday 23 May 9.30am All Age Worship
  - Sunday 30 May 10.45am Traditional Service
  - Sunday 6 June 9.30am All Age Worship
  - Sunday 13 June 10.45am Communion
- YOUTH GROUP (IN-PERSON RETURN TONIGHT!)** In-person Youth Group sessions will be resuming from this evening, 16 May until 20 June. Age groups will alternate weeks, and sessions will be for 1.5 hours. **The P6-S1 Youth Group will meet tonight from 7:00-8:30pm** for some prayer activities and games in the garden. Important covid-related details about the sessions, and information about how to book, can be accessed on the church website on the 'young people' page. Contact Hillary if you have any other questions!
- MIDWEEK PEACE AND PRAYERS RETURNS!** Midweek Peace and Prayers has resumed. Morning prayers returns to its original **Tuesday** morning and again we are combining this with the opportunity for silent reflection in our beautiful sanctuary. The timetable every Tuesday is **led prayers 10:00-10:30am**, with the **sanctuary remaining open 10:30-11:00 am**. All are welcome to participate in either or both.
- ART INSTALLATION 7<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** We are delighted that the artists Peter and Heidi Gardner will be creating an installation on

the grass beside the church path on the West Mayfield side, to be in place for three weeks in June. For their work, see <https://www.gardnerandgardner.co.uk/> It is called 'Hope Glimmers', and will be created with themes in mind of renewal and hope, uniting the congregation and community as we begin to emerge from COVID-19. Watch this space (literally!).

5. **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 MAY 2021**

This year Christian Aid shifts its attention back to the climate crisis and our global neighbours in Kenya who continue to battle the effects of extreme weather. People like **Rose Katanu Jonathan**, who is caught in a cycle of climate chaos. From severe drought to flooding, extreme weather robs her of what she needs to survive: a reliable source of water. The coronavirus pandemic has only made this lack of water more critical for Rose's family as handwashing with soap and water is vital to stay safe against the virus.

This year Christian



**This Christian Aid Week, will you stand with people like Rose?**

With your support, Christian Aid can help communities withstand climate chaos: from building better earth dams to harvest more water, to sowing drought-tolerant crops, to demanding climate justice at the highest level.

**Pray** for climate justice at [caid.org.uk/prayerchain](http://caid.org.uk/prayerchain). **Take action** for climate justice at [caid.org.uk/climatejusticepetition](http://caid.org.uk/climatejusticepetition). **Give** for climate justice at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org), or by telephone on **020 7523 2269**. Mayfield Salisbury's Christian Aid Team is immensely grateful for all your generous support.

6. **PLEASE NOTE** Due to current restrictions, Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth is regrettably unable to meet after the service today. Please feel free to be in contact by telephone **0131 667 1286** or by email at [AForsyth@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:AForsyth@churchofscotland.org.uk).

7. **PASTORAL CARE** The weather certainly has been a challenge for those of us that had hoped to do some garden visits. "Ne'er cast

a cloot 'til May is oot" has never been so true! If you would now like to have a pastoral visitor or would like someone to phone you regularly, please contact me so that I can arrange that for you. Sandy and I are looking forward to meeting the pastoral visitors individually over zoom this Monday and Tuesday. We are so grateful for all that you do. Please notify us if you are going into hospital. Kay 07903 266307.

8. **SUPPORT MAYFIELD SALISBURY CHURCH** Regular and one-off donations, now possible through: [www.give.net/20311853](http://www.give.net/20311853)
9. **OUR E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN IS UP AND RUNNING!** If you or anyone that you know would like prayers to be offered to God for a person or situation, which can be made anonymous, there is a group of members waiting to do so. Our Pastoral Assistant, Kay McIntosh, has kindly agreed to be the initial co-ordinator, and all prayer requests should be sent to [kay@backedge.co.uk](mailto:kay@backedge.co.uk), or handwritten and placed in the prayer box at the church door. An email will go out from Kay once a week with the prayer requests set out. If you would like to receive the weekly email and to pray for those situations, please also get in touch with Kay.

### Books for the Journey

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the Church* (2020)

Bruce Stanley, *Forest Church* (2020)

Walter Brueggemann, *Virus as a Summons to Faith* (2020)

### Forthcoming Deadlines

*Order of service for next week:* Thursday at 6.00pm.

*Next Grapevine:* Friday 25 June at 6.00pm.

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.

Phone: 0780 801 1234 or email: [churchmanager@googlemail.com](mailto:churchmanager@googlemail.com)

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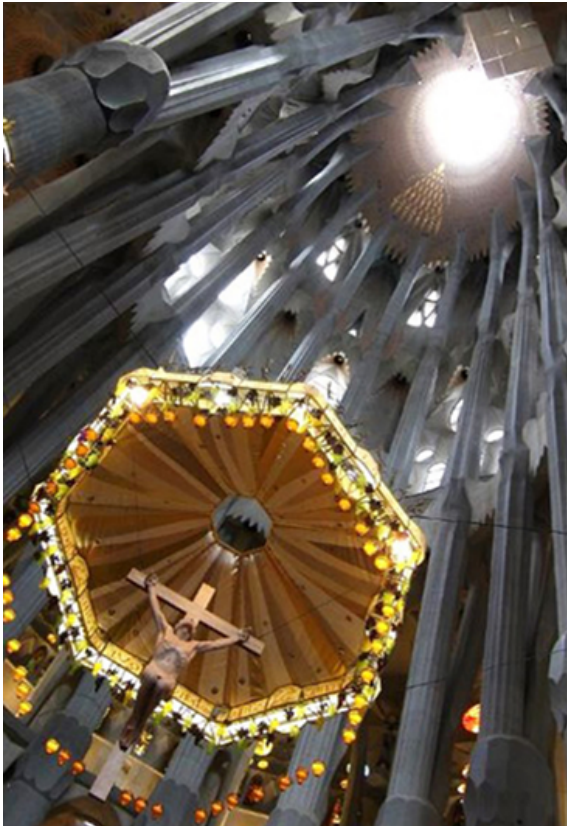
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