

WORLD AIDS DAY 2008



Order of service

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Welcome

Come to us, God of Peace,
Come to us, God of Justice,
that we may hear the cries of those oppressed
by HIV or AIDS in every land,
calling us, like Jesus the healer,
to walk with them in the search for justice and mercy.

Amen

Song: Brother, Sister, Let me serve you

Brother, sister, let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
And companions on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.

Reading: Matthew 25:44-45

Talk: Supporting people living with HIV/AIDS – a Christian responsibility



Song: Lord of all hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares
could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us,
we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the
break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at
the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us,
we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at
the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your
arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us,
we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the
eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose
presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us,
we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the
end of the day.

Presentation: Making a little go a long way

Prayers

God of compassion

All: Strengthen and sustain them

Holy and compassionate God, hear the prayers that we have offered; bless those for whom we have prayed; strengthen and sustain us in our response to HIV and help us to serve one another in a spirit of openness, generosity and love.

Amen

We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer



Song: From Heaven you came (The Servant King)

From heaven you came, helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give your life that we might live.

Come see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God, the servant king;
He calls us now to follow him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the servant king.

So let us learn now to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving.

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
Yet not my will, but yours he said.

Blessing

As we go into the world let us resolve to turn suffering, rejection and loss into strength, compassion and hope.

With God's help we will.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

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