



## Holy Trinity Geneva

### Service themed on the United Nations Summit of the Future 10h30 on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

*Welcome to this service of worship exploring the **United Nations Summit of the Future**, happening today and tomorrow in New York, and Christian perspectives on some of the issues being discussed. The **Summit of the Future** is a conference of world leaders seeking to revitalise the international order, bring better progress on key issues, and look at how the world's nations might address global challenges together.*

*A copy of the **Anglican Communion Youth Network's** hopes – reflecting the voices of many in the Global South, and as submitted to the United Nations in December 2023 – is available at the back of church.*



### Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

We stand before the throne of God  
with countless crowds  
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour, power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Words of Welcome** – Revd Glen Ruffle

**Introduction** – Blair Matheson, Director, Franciscans International

**HYMN**                      **For the healing of the nations, HON 198**

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom,  
From despair the world release;  
That, redeemed from war and hatred,  
Men 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 keeping man from man.  
In our common quest for justice  
May we hallow life's brief span.

You Creator-God have written  
Your great Name on all mankind;  
For our growing in Your likeness  
Bring the life of Christ to mind;  
That, by our response and service  
Earth its destiny may find.

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## Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**How did we get here?** Revd Glen Ruffle, Geneva Representative of the Anglican  
Communion to the United Nations

## Psalm 2 – *We stand to read the psalm antiphonally*

Why do the nations conspire  
and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,**  
“Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast their cords from us.”

**He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord has them in derision.**

Then he will speak to them in his wrath  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
**“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”**

I will tell of the decree of the Lord:  
He said to me, “You are my son;  
today I have begotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage  
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

**Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Serve the Lord with fear;  
with trembling kiss his feet,  
**or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

**Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

*Please be seated*

## **Christian perspectives on issues being discussed at the Summit of the Future**

### **Peace and security**

**Humberto Henderson**, Senior UN officer and Church of England Ordinand

*We pray for the world's peace and security. We pray:*

**God of peace, we thank you that you bless the peacemakers.**

**We thank you that you call us to be peacemakers.**

We pray for all those countries and people  
who are suffering in conflicts right now,  
not of their own making.

**We lift them up to you O Lord.**

We ask for peacemakers to be raised to positions of power.

**We pray for the needs of the poor  
to be foremost in the minds of policymakers.**

We ask for your mercy on us,  
to show us how we might work for  
peace and security in this world of yours.

**Amen.**

*A candle is lit*

### **Choir Anthem**

Peace I leave with thee  
My peace I give unto thee  
Peace as the world gives, give I unto thee  
Not as the world giveth, give I unto thee  
Do not let your heart be troubled  
Do not be afraid  
Peace

*Michael King  
The Peace of Christ*

### **Artificial Intelligence and Technology**

**Jennifer Philpot-Nissen**, World Council of Churches International Affairs department

*We pray about the opportunities and problems of Artificial Intelligence and Technology:*

Lord of creativity, we thank you  
for the potential within each person,  
our abilities to make such incredible things  
as robots and artificial intelligence.

**Yet we recognise that we have evil hearts and intentions,  
and that of the good gifts you have given,  
we have used them for harm.**

We ask for your forgiveness,  
**we ask for wisdom to use our gifts wisely,**  
we ask for godly insight  
into how we are to manage these new challenges in our lives.  
**We pray for those seeking to stop killer robots.**  
**Let the ears of the powerful hear our cries.**  
We lift up to you those who are working in this sphere,  
**and pray that they will act carefully**  
and that technology will not be used for destruction.  
**Trusting in your mercy we pray,**  
**Amen.**

*A candle is lit*

### **UN governance / global governance**

**Dr Michael Wiener**, Coordinator, UN Faith For Rights

*We pray for global governance and for the United Nations.*

Almighty God who rules the affairs of nations,  
**we lift to you the global situation**  
the lack of governance;  
the arguments and the division,  
the infighting and the selfishness  
that prevents good government.  
**Lord, we pray you will break our hard hearts**  
**and our selfish ways,**  
**and enable us to act**  
**for the benefit of everyone.**  
We lift to you the world's leaders.  
**Lord, have mercy on them.**  
We lift to you the system of global governance and integration.  
**Father, help us make it just and fair.**  
We lift to you the poor, weak and vulnerable.  
**Move our hearts with compassion, and help us be answers for them.**  
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

*A candle is lit*

### **New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 2:9-17**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake be subject to every human authority, whether to the emperor as supreme or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

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

We join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
Forever and ever,  
Amen.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN          Jesus Christ is waiting, HON 382 (omit v4)**

*During the singing of this hymn, the offering will be taken*

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.

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Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.  
Let my care be active, healing just like 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.


*John L. Bell and Graham Maule*


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## Blessing

Almighty God, today we have heard of the difficulties facing this world,  
Today we have discussed problems and solutions,  
**Today we have lifted before you this broken and suffering world,**  
Broken and suffering because of our sin.  
**Today we pray that Your kingdom will come, and Your will shall be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven, and in and through all our human institutions.**

We acknowledge the call upon us all as your disciples,  
**To love and serve you,**  
**to love and serve each other,**  
**and to love and serve the voiceless, the marginalised, the weak, the hungry and the poor.**

We lay down before you our own lives,  
our jobs, our spheres of influence,  
**and ask that we might be your servants in them all,  
to spread the light of Jesus in the contexts and corridors where we walk.**

We rededicate ourselves to the mission of your kingdom,  
And pray for your Holy Spirit to help and guide us.

And so may the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Be with us all, now and forever more,  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

**Organ music** - Dubois: Marche-Sortie

#### **Prayer Requests**

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Sybil Sheppard, Christine Damary, Chris Talbot, Irene Tretheway, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellier, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Mrs Azania Wilson Lupai, William Amos, David Knowles and Graham Routley. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

Pray for the Church of Sweden.

Pray for the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (Turkey), for Patriarch Bartholomew and the autocephalous Orthodox Churches and their leaders.

*Everything comes from you, and we have given you only*

**what comes from your hand.**

**(1 Chronicles 29:14)**

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