

**Songs of Praise**

**an informal service for
all those impacted by dementia**

**Tuesday 23rd April 2024**

**10:45**

Lichfield Cathedral is called to live and proclaim the transforming love of God. Through the fullness of its life in the Spirit, it seeks to be a sign of the friendship and freedom that God in Jesus Christ has given the whole world to enjoy. 

**Welcome to Lichfield Cathedral**

You are very welcome here in Lichfield Cathedral. We hope that you feel at home as many people have done for hundreds of years in this place. This morning’s service will last for about 45 minutes.

**Safety**

Please always follow any directions given in how we need to move around the Cathedral. In the unlikely event of an emergency, please remain quiet and respond calmly and promptly to the directions of the Vergers.

**Offerings**

Your gifts are vital in sustaining our mission and worship. There will be a retiring collection. Please do Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer by completing the required details on the envelopes provided. There are electronic giving points where you can tap a debit or credit card; if you need assistance with these devices please do ask a steward or verger.

**Posture**

During the service, please feel free to sit or stand or move around, in whatever way you feel most comfortable with.

**Filming**

This service is being filmed for BBC Songs of Praise, currently scheduled for broadcast on Sunday 12th May at the start of Dementia Action Week. Please be aware that you may appear on camera in the congregational shots of the service when this airs on television. If you do not wish to be filmed, please speak with a member of staff.

**The Service**

Please join in with the words **in bold type**.

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**Music for Dementia**

Music for Dementia (www.musicfordementia.org.uk) is a charity placing music at the heart of dementia care.

**Dementia Friendly Churches in the Diocese of Lichfield**

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Words of Welcome and Prayer

Opening Song

“**Is This The Way To Amarillo**” with Tony Christie

Introduction to Music for Dementia

**Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;**

**To His feet thy tribute bring.**

**Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,**

**Evermore His praises sing:**

**Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!**

**Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favour**

**To His people in distress;**

**Praise Him still the same as ever,**

**Slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

**Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!**

**Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Fatherlike He tends and spares us,**

**Well our feeble frame He knows;**

**In His hands He gently bears us,**

**Rescues us from all our foes.**

**Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!**

**Widely as His mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him,**

**Ye behold Him face to face;**

**Sun and moon, bow down before Him;**

**Dwellers all in time and space,**

**Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!**

**Praise with us the God of grace.**

[Henry F. Lyte](https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/_/Lyte_Henry_F/?sortby=author), 1834

Bible Reading Matthew 7:21-28

Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching.

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*The House on the Rock – a gift from children from*

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**The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for His own name’s sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.**

Psalm 23 from The Scottish Psalter (1650)

Anthem

“For the beauty of the earth” by John Rutter

sung by pupils of Lichfield Cathedral School and our Cathedral Choristers.

**All things bright and beautiful,**

**All creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful:**

**The Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flow’r that opens,**

**Each little bird that sings,**

**He made their glowing colours,**

**He made their tiny wings.**

**All things bright and beautiful,**

**All creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful:**

**The Lord God made them all.**

**The cold wind in the winter,**

**The pleasant summer sun,**

**The ripe fruits in the garden,**

**He made them every one.**

**All things bright and beautiful,**

**All creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful:**

**The Lord God made them all.**

**He gave us eyes to see them,**

**And lips that we might tell**

**How great is God Almighty,**

**Who has made all things well.**

**All things bright and beautiful,**

**All creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful:**

**The Lord God made them all.**

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Prayers, concluding with

**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,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

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**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,**

**In the midst of the darkness, shining.**

**Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,**

**Set us free by the truth You now bring us.**

**Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,**

**From the shadows into Your radiance.**

**By the blood, I may enter Your brightness.**

**Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.**

**Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,**

**So our faces display Your likeness.**

**Ever-changing from glory to glory,**

**Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story.**

**Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Graham Kendrick *b.*1950

Blessing

Final Song

“**Thank you for being a Friend**” with Tony Christie

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*Thank you for coming today. For everyone living with dementia, our children have a little gift to remind you of today. If you have come with some-one living with dementia, please do ensure that they receive one of these gifts.*

*Prayer request tags are available. When written, these can be hung on the prayer tree at the back for the Cathedral. These prayer trees will then remain in the pastoral corner in the south east corner of the Cathedral until the end of Dementia Action Week.*

*Our next dementia friendly service is our Harvest Celebration in the autumn, provisionally arranged for Monday 23rd September. Email us now at* *dementia.friendly@lichfield-cathedral.org* *, and we will send you details nearer the time.*

*This is your Cathedral – we look forward to welcoming you back.*