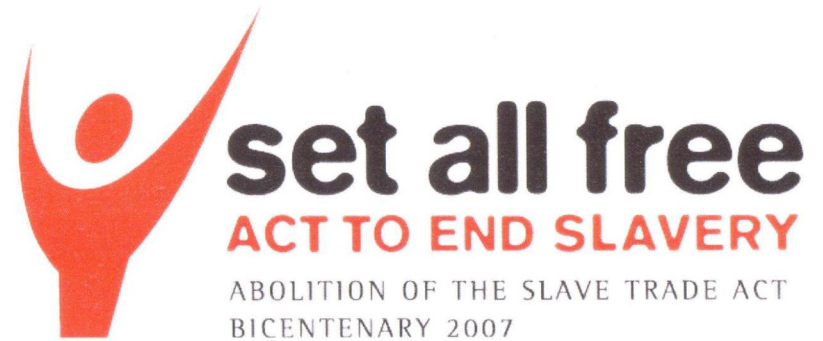


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**THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER
AND THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY
GLOUCESTER**



6.00pm
Sunday 25th March 2007

From 5.30pm the congregation arrives, and music is played and songs sung.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The procession enters as all sing the hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

Jesus the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name.

CP 534

Tune: Richmond

The Dean welcomes the congregation

Pastor Donald McCalla leads the congregation in prayer and concludes with the words

Compassionate and everlasting God, who has faithfully answered the prayers and petitions of your people through the centuries, hear our cries for those caught up in the evil of slavery, both victim and perpetrator. Free them from the slavery of sin, and help us to share with them the full knowledge of your sacrifice for us and the truth that sets us free. In Jesus' name,

All

Amen.

Remembering with Thanksgiving

Reading
Exodus 1 vv 8 – 14
read by Pauline Reynolds

Song
Go down Moses
sung by a male quartet

Readings
from the works of Granville Sharpe
and William Wilberforce

read by Adrian Slade and Barbara Saxton

All sing the hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, 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:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of Grace.

CP 555

Tune: Praise my Soul

First Address
Rodney Bailey

Song
I want to be free
sung by the Children and Young People's Choir

Prayers of Thanksgiving
Neil Heavisides leads a time of congregational prayer

Spiritual
Steal away
sung by a male quartet

Reflecting with Penitence

Reading
Psalm 139 vv 1 – 14
read by Charles Wallace

Spiritual
Swing Low, sweet Chariot
sung by Blanche McCalla

Stories from the Past
Pastor Cyrus Scott
and Carlton Green

All sing the hymn

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

CP 375

Tune: Amazing Grace

Second Address
The Dean of Gloucester

Prayers of Penitence
The Bishop of Gloucester

Spiritual
Were you there?
sung by the Combined Choir

Responding with Commitment

Reading
Luke 4 vv 16 – 20
read by Riana Campbell

Song
Great is thy faithfulness
sung by Patricia Bailey

Readings
John Wesley's last letter
read by Ann Sherratt
Slavery today
read by Adele Owen

All sing the hymn, during which the collection for Christian Aid will be received

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome some day:
oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome some day.

We'll walk hand in hand...

Black and white together...

The truth will make us free...

We shall live in peace...

We shall overcome...

Third Address
Pastor Robert Crawford

Prayers of Commitment
Robert Simpson

All sing

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching. Oo-ooh!
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching. Oo-ooh!
We are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God...

We are moving in the pow'r of God...

The Blessing
The Bishop of Gloucester