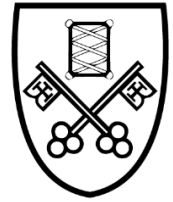




The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



A Prayer Vigil
for Peace in Sudan
Tuesday, 25th April, 2023
5.30pm

Welcome, Housekeeping and Brief Introduction

Rev Canon Ned Lunn

Welcome and Further Introduction

Rt Rev Dr Toby Howarth

Opening Prayer

Leader O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

All Amen.

Confession

Leader Lord God,
this is your world and we long to be your people,
guide and direct us towards your peace.

Leader We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;

All Be merciful to us.

Leader We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;

All Be merciful to us.

Leader We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;

All Be merciful to us.

Leader We have not loved you with our whole heart
nor our neighbour as ourselves;

All Be merciful to us.

Song

Sudanese Choir

Bible Reading

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Psalm 67

Testimony

Rev. Ludia Shukai and Ali Mahgoub.

Prayers

*A guided time of prayer, led by Bishop Toby with others,
prompted by the testimonies and the requests of others.*

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom,
justice and truth.

Leader Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,
that they may have discipline and discernment,
courage and compassion.

Leader Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

We pray for all who wish to do others harm,
that you will turn their hearts to kindness and friendship.

Leader Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Leader Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Leader Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to lasting peace;
All **Amen.**

Response

As the Sudanese Choir sing all are invited to come forward and light a candle as both a remembrance of all those who have died and as a commitment to the pursuit of peace.

Closing Prayer

Leader O God,
from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed:
Give unto your servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey your commandments,
and also that by you,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
All **Amen.**

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