

Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

English Reformed Church – Krijtberg Kerk –
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***“Justice and only justice
you shall pursue.”***

Deuteronomy 16:20

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Call to Worship

Let us worship the triune God:

Gracious God, you crown your creation with justice and mercy:

we come to worship you.

Jesus Christ, your cross brings new life and justice,

we come to worship you.

Holy Spirit, you inspire our hearts to act justly:

we come to worship you.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all:

we come to worship you.

❖ Introductory words

❖ Hymn 63:

All people that on earth do dwell

❖ Prayer of repentance

Response: ... Lord, have mercy / **Lord, have mercy.**

❖ Meditative music *Voluntary on 'Song One', Orlando Gibbons*

❖ Lesson:

Deuteronomy 16:11-20 (Old Testament p.180)

❖ Responsive psalm: 82

¹ God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

² "How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?"

Rise up, O God, Judge the earth

³ Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Rise up, O God, Judge the earth

⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Rise up, O God, Judge the earth

⁶ I say, "You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."

⁸ Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!

Rise up, O God, Judge the earth

❖ Lesson:

Romans 12:1-3 (New Testament p.157)

❖ Alleluia:

Al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, al - - - le - lu - (i) i - a!

The image shows a musical score for an Alleluia. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

❖ Lesson:

Luke 4:14-21 (New Testament p.58)

❖ Alleluia

❖ Sermon

❖ Hymn:

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit;
Come now, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom.

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit.
Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your - king - dom. The

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems, each with a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

❖ Commitment to Justice, Unity and Mercy

Jesus Christ prays for the unity of his disciples.

The gift of his life is justice for the world.

R1: As members of the Body of Christ we are called to walk in his path.

R2: Let us hear his calling.

Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

R1: As members of the Body of Christ we are called to keep our lives free from the love of money, and to be content with what we have.

R2: Let us break the cycle of greed and live in simplicity.

Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

R1: As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to proclaim release to the captives and victims of all forms of violence.

R2: Let us help them to live in dignity.

Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

R1: As members of the Body of Christ we are called to show hospitality

to strangers.

R2: Let us outdo one another in showing honour.

Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

R1: As members of the Body of Christ we are called to proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

R2: Let us protect the life and beauty of God's creation.

Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

Please write on a card one way in which either your church or you act for peace and justice in the world, or some way in which you would like to resolve to act for peace and justice.

❖ **Offering:**

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

❖ **Dedication**

❖ **The Sharing of the Peace**

❖ **The Apostle's Creed** (Hymn 628)

❖ **Prayers of the people**

Responses:

Today we ask you / **O God hear our prayer and grant us your love..**

Today we ask you / **O God hear our prayer and grant us your justice...**

Today we ask you / **O God hear our prayer and grant us your unity...**

Today we ask you / **O God hear our prayer and grant us your peace.**

❖ **The Lord's Prayer** (in your own language)

❖ **Hymn 622:** *We sing a love that sets all people free*

Sending out with blessing:

As you leave you will be given one of the cards from the offering.

You are invited to pray for the activity written on the card.

May God embrace you with love
and make kindness flow out from you.

May God ignite courage in you
and transform you into his agents of justice and peace/

May God grant you humility
And give you perseverance to nurture unity.

Amen.

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All are invited to stay afterwards for some refreshments