

# UNITARIAN CHURCH C A M B R I D G E



*In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus  
the members of this church unite for the worship of  
God and the service of humankind*

Things are not only what they are  
- they give more than they have.

Jacques Maritain (1882-1973)

11 February 2007



Welcome, especially if you are joining us for the first time. All are invited to join us for tea, coffee and conversation after the service. If you would like a copy of any part of the service or wish to inquire about formal membership please ask the minister. Please also feel free to discuss any aspect of today's service with him or any other person present—ours is a liberal, open tradition which welcomes the loving, critical and inquiring spirit. The sermon draws on the faith and experience of the preacher and it is offered to the congregation as encouragement to further reflection and thought. It is most certainly not a definitive statement with which you must agree. As our sixteenth century Polish Socinian forbears said: *Whilst we declare our own opinions, we oppress no one. Let every person enjoy the freedom of their own judgement in religion; only let it be permitted to us also to exhibit our view of divine things, without injuring and calumniating others.* More information about this liberal Christian congregation can be found on our website:

<http://www.cambridgeunitarian.org>

The minister is the Revd Andrew James Brown MA and the minister emeritus is the Revd Frank Walker BA. The organist and pianist is Clive King. Any one wishing for more information can contact Andrew on:

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*his church welcomes children to the first part of our morning service. We hear in their voices the strength of our community's future. After the story, and during the second hymn, the children go to the common room for their own activities which are on the first and third Sundays of the month. This is also the opportunity for restless babies to join them. Parents provide their own child care on other Sundays.*



**Opening music** by Percy Whitlock

**Prayer & the prayer of Jesus** (printed opposite)

**Hymn 77** (Blue book): *I sing the almighty power of God* (222)

**Welcome, notices, celebration & collection**

**Story**

**Hymn 84** (Blue book): *Where ancient forests widely spread* (50)

*(During which the children leave for their own activities)*



**Address & Readings**

*Mark 9<sup>2-8</sup>* & an extract from the *Theologia Germanica*

Today's address can be read from Monday at [www.cambridgeunitarian.org](http://www.cambridgeunitarian.org)

**Musical offering:** *Adagio* from *Alto Rhapsody*—Brahms



**Prayer and silent prayer**

**Hymn 89** (Blue book): *God of Beauty, thou has spread* (284)

**Prayer for peace** (printed opposite)

**Benediction**

**Concluding music:** *Andante moderato in C<sub>m</sub>*—Frank Bridge

*(Please remain seated for the concluding music)*



**Tea, Coffee & Conversation in the Church Hall**

*'Conversation as the natural organ communicating, mind with mind, ... is the method of human culture. By it I come nearer to those whom I shall address than by any other means.'*

Bronson Alcott



## The prayer of Jesus

One day, after Jesus had been talking with God, one of his friends said to him, "Teach us how to talk with God." Jesus replied by teaching us a simple pattern of prayer:



ur 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.



## The prayer for peace



Loving God, spirit of hope and peace,  
Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.  
Peace, Peace, Peace.



## Object of the G.A. of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches



*e, the constituent congregations, societies and individual members, uniting in a spirit of mutual sympathy, tolerance and respect; and recognizing the worth and dignity of all people and their freedom to believe as their consciences dictate; and believing that truth is best served where the mind and conscience are free, acknowledge that the object of the assembly is: To promote a free and enquiring religion through the worship of God and the celebration of life; the service of humanity and respect for all creation; and the upholding of the liberal Christian tradition; Encourage and unite in fellowship with bodies which uphold the religious liberty of their members, unconstrained by the imposition of creeds; affirm the liberal religious heritage and learn from the spiritual, cultural and intellectual insights of all humanity.*



From Chapter 47 of the 'Theologia Germanica'

Translated by Bengt Hoffman (Paulist Press, NY, 1980)



All things that are, for everything that is, is good and pleasing - yes, pleasing also to God. Therefore creation should be termed what it is, namely a paradise.

It has been said that paradise is a precinct of the kingdom of heaven.

By that token everything in our existence is truly a precinct of the Eternal or Eternity.

This is especially true of the signs of God and Eternity that can be seen and known in our temporal life, among temporal things, in and with created beings.

For the created world provides directions and paths to God and Eternity.

