

Wren's Prayer

Brian Wren explored Mother and Father language for God at the 1983 convocation. In morning worship on Thursday, July 14, he led the following prayer.

God our Mother, you give birth to all life, and love us to the uttermost. Your love surrounds us and feeds us. Within your love we find our home, our joy, our freedom. You open the world to us, and give us room to change and grow. As you love us, so you love all your children. Help us, dear Mother God, to catch something of your love: your delight in others' uniqueness, your care for their well-being, your grief at their suffering, your patience and forgiveness, your energy and hope. We thank you, we praise you, we love you: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy and living God, Father of life and light, weaving space and time, our only source of everything that is, set us free from all false gods to worship you alone. Help us to unmask the powers and systems of this world, which fascinate us with their glory. Help us to renounce: security based on money, comfort based on injustice, and success measured by power or recognition. Set our minds on your kingdom of love and justice before everything else, so that we may know you as our God and Savior, our certain Hope and our eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.