

# Welcome to Café Church Pershore Sunday 09 October 2022

It's great to have you with us. Grab a coffee/tea/ juice and help yourself to some refreshments.

Feel free to let the kids play with the toys and do colouring. Don't worry about noise. God loves to hear the joy of his people, especially his young ones.

Our time is for around 45 minutes, and we hope you have a fab time.

Here is the order of service. You are invited to join in with the **bits in bold**.



#### Order of Service

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

#### **Opening Prayer**

God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you. Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives may glorify you. **Amen.** 

#### **Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Song - We Plough the Fields and Scatter

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand: he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

#### Refrain:

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank you, Lord for all His love.

He only is the Maker of all things near and far; he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star; the winds and waves obey him; by him the birds are fed; much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

#### Refrain

We thank thee, then O Father, for all things bright and good, the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts, but that which thou desirest: our humble, thankful hearts.

#### Refrain

Wir pfügen und wir streuen Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815 translated by Jane Montgomery Campbell, 1817-1878

## We say sorry to God for the things we have got wrong

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

#### The leader shares the assurance of God's forgiveness

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### The Collect- The Church's special prayer of the day.

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Let's listen now to God's Word – John 6: 25 - 35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

So, they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

### Now sit back and listen to today's short talk

## Song - Colours of Day

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

#### Refrain:

So light up the fire and let the flame burn, Open the door, let Jesus return. Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow, Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.

Go through the park, on into the town; The sun still shines on, it never goes down. The light of the world is risen again; The people of darkness are needing a friend.

#### Refrain

Open your eyes, look into the sky, The darkness has come, the Son came to die. The evening draws on, the sun disappears, But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

#### Refrain

Sue McClellan, b.1951, John Paculabo, 1946-2013 and Keith Ryecroft, b.1949

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
All **We believe and trust in him.** 

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

## We have a short time of prayer together

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.



### Final Prayer

Creator God, you give seed for us to sow, and bread for us to eat; make us thankful for what we have received and generous in supplying the needs of others so all the world may give you thanks and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen** 

### Song - Thank You Lord for This New Day

Thank you, Lord, for this new day, Thank you, Lord, for this new day, Thank you, Lord, for this new day, Right where we are.

> Alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, praise the Lord, Right where we are.

Thank you, Lord, for food to eat....

Thank you, Lord, for clothes to wear....

Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts....

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## **Blessing**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon us his children, that we may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples.

#### **Amen**

## Café Church next date: 20 November 2022

#### **SHOEBOX SUNDAY**

On **Sunday 06 November**, we will be holding our annual Shoebox Sunday, all children and young people are very welcome to come along at **1030** in **St Andrew's** to help pack the boxes.

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