

Welcome to Café Church Pershore Sunday 12 February 2023

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

Greeting

Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

All: 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 – Let there be Love

Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love in our eyes
May now Your love sweep this nation.
Cause us oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love

Let there be peace shared among us
Let there be peace in our eyes
May now Your peace sweep this nation.
Cause us oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be peace shared among us,
Let there be peace.

Let there be joy shared among us
Let there be joy in our eyes
May now Your joy sweep this nation.
Cause us oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be joy shared among us,
Let there be joy.

Let there be hope shared among us
Let there be hope in our eyes
May now Your hope sweep this nation.
Cause us oh Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be hope shared among us,
Let there be hope.

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We say sorry to God for the stuff we get wrong.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.

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.

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Let's listen now to God's Word - Leviticus 19: 1, 2, 9 -18

The Lord told Moses to say to the community of Israel, "Be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy. When you harvest your fields, do not cut the corn at the edges of the fields, and do not go back to cut the ears of corn that were left. Do not go back through your vineyard to gather the grapes that were missed or to pick up the grapes that have fallen; leave them for poor people and foreigners. I am the Lord your God.

"Do not steal or cheat or lie. Do not make a promise in my name if you do not intend to keep it; that brings disgrace on my name. I am the Lord our God.

"Do not take advantage of anyone or rob him. Do not hold back the wages of someone you have hired, not even for one night. Do not curse a deaf man or put something in

front of a blind man so as to make him stumble over it. Obey me; I am the Lord your God.

"Be honest and just when you make decisions in legal cases; do not show favouritism to the poor or fear the rich. Do not spread lies about anyone, and when someone is on trial for his life, speak out if your testimony can help him. I am the Lord.

"Do not bear a grudge against anyone, but settle your differences with him, so that you will not commit a sin because of him. Do not take revenge on anyone or continue to hate him, but love your neighbour as you love yourself. I am the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Song - Father I Adore You

Father, I adore you,
Lay our lives before you,
How I love you!
Jesus, I adore you,
Lay our lives before you,
How I love you!
Spirit, I adore you,
Lay our lives before you,
How I love you!

Terrye Ceolho (b. 1952)

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe 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

All: 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

Loving Lord, send us out into your world to love you by loving each other and loving life.
Let there be love.

Amen

Song – Jesus' love is very wonderful

Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Oh, wonderful love.
So high you can't get over it,
So low you can't get under it,
so wide you can't get around it,
Oh, wonderful love.

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Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

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