

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we freely gather, **let us be thankful.**
As we bring greetings, **let us recall we are God's family.**
As we sing, **let our joy be known.**
As we pray, **let us open our hearts.**
As we confess, **let us be truthful**
As we listen, **let us be alert to God's voice.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We come with thankful hearts, to gather as your family, O God of all. **With joyful praise, we let our faith-filled lives be open to your truth.** Illuminating One, with humility, we listen for your words of wisdom brought to us through stillness and song, spoken word and scripture. **We honour you, as you open us to truth. We seek your presence as we worship.**

How Great Thou Art-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wMN12KXZpE>

Mel says *"this woman singing is currently the front runner for winning 'The Voice' 2021 - she's incredible"*

Psalm 111

1 Praise the Lord!
I will thank the Lord with all my heart
as I meet with his godly people.
2 How amazing are the deeds of the Lord!
All who delight in him should ponder them.
3 Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty.
His righteousness never fails.
4 He causes us to remember his wonderful works.
How gracious and merciful is our Lord!
5 He gives food to those who fear him;
he always remembers his covenant.
6 He has shown his great power to his people
by giving them the lands of other nations.
7 All he does is just and good,
and all his commandments are trustworthy.
8 They are forever true,
to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity.
9 He has paid a full ransom for his people.
He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever.
What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has!
10 Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom.
All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom.
Praise him forever!

Talk 1 - Petra

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Here I am, Listening One. I have wandered away from you. These are the concerns on my heart and in my soul... *Space for personal prayer*

In humility, I realize I do not always act with the best intentions, nor express the grace and kindness that reflect your call.

I am so sorry. *Space for personal prayer*

Let me focus my being and living on honouring you and loving others. Help me to let go of what distracts my focus from you and your way. Grow in me your wisdom, for I wish to live this change in my every moment. Help me to make the most of every opportunity I have, to love you and love others, in the Way of Jesus.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, lift up your hearts with thanks **For we are loved and known by God.**

Wisdom grows when we honour truth Living with humility builds kindness and generosity.

This is our call. **We accept God's call today.**

And a song of thanksgiving – **10,000 Reasons** by **Matt Redman**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_lRI0E

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

How wonderful it is to gather together in praise, **For God is amongst us, and we are God's people.**

You, loving God, are the same throughout our days. **The light of your love breaks through our deepest sadness**

And holds us as we feel disappointments and grieve.

In our emptiness, you bring a fullness of love that sustains us.

When we do not know what to do, you remind us that it is in this moment in which we live.

We celebrate this day, where once again we are reminded of your call.

Love God, Love Others. This is how we choose to live. With gratitude, we sing your praise for in simplicity, we find your greatest wisdom!

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT *Honouring Honesty and Humility*

The comments below out of Words for Worship ring truer than ever as we consider ways of serving and trusting God in times of vulnerability and uncertainty. - Peter

In his most vulnerable state, Solomon's dream expressed his true nature. Anxious and overwhelmed, with truth and humility he acknowledged this with God, requesting wisdom to do the mission before him - no bravado, no pretense. Embedded in his very being, was the truth-filled understanding of God's call to all - love God, love others. This is the wisdom of Solomon. Honour God with your being (heart and soul) and your everyday living (thoughts and your daily living). All else falls into place – love, wisdom, priorities and knowing what to do. One thousand years later, the Letter to the Ephesians echoes this message – take care how you live, educate yourself and be wise, make good use of every opportunity, be honest, humble, truthful and live with gratefulness in your heart. God's wisdom bears great riches beyond measure in our everyday living.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

With humility, let us bring all that we have, to be used for God's work on earth.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous One, with these gifts, I offer myself too. Teach me your ways as I live this week in gratitude, humility, generosity, and kindness. Let me make the most of every opportunity that comes before me, to serve you and your world.

Ephesians 5:15-21

15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. **16** Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. **17** Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. **18** Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, **19** singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and

making music to the Lord in your hearts. **20** And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Talk 2- Michael

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

God of all, we pray for leaders across the world, where wisdom grows through honouring those whom they lead and serve.

For leaders born into monarchy, we pray their reign learns from history, and acts without greed, domination and corruption. May they shine with humility, and love those whom they serve.

For leaders who seize power, we pray that restorative justice prevails. and coups, oppression and violent threats are ended. May we advocate a democratic way forward and support those who are persecuted.

For leaders voted into power, we pray they act with a serving heart and responsible thinking. May love for their community override corruption and decisions reflect consideration of all whom they serve.

For those who lead in local communities, we pray that they lead with graciousness, clear thinking, listening ears and advocacy, to promote honest, just communities where neighbourliness is honoured

Bring our voices into these spaces, Spirit, so that we advocate where injustice is prevalent, offer healing where there is woundedness be people who seek your peace and wisdom, and create a positive, safe and welcoming community of grace.

A song of trust – *Captain* – Hillsong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEM3FLkTPrI>

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

God is with us. Go out with certainty Live with gratitude. Love God's people.

Listen to Wisdom Act with kindness. Make good use of every opportunity you have and delight in it the moment, for God is there before us. Peace of God be with us all.