

Notices and Welcome

Prayers in the chat

Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome and light candle

In the name of the God we serve,
In the name of the Christ we follow
In the name of the Spirit we know
I welcome you all
Come as you are

I light this candle as a sign that the Christ is with us on our journey.
Gathered, and scattered, we are not alone.

Song: Garden

V1

We're making a garden;
we're working the ground.
In land that's bombed and torn,
your love soaks through the soil;
new life can be born.

V2

All welcome to the building;
all invited to the fruit.
On Earth, God's planned a garden;
every hand that's gripped a sword
can make a plough-share too.

Chorus

Come, join the work;
God's bringing life;
God's bringing life.
Hands in the same dirt;
enemies are one body now.
Come sing new words;
God's bringing life;
God's bringing life.
Lay down your swords;
the wars you've learned are over now.
God's turned your weapons into ploughs.

V3

Our hands won't be idle;
our hearts won't grow cold.
In the barren ground before us,
we can see a garden,
we can see a home.

V4

Though drought is all around us,
though fires will come,
we've tasted the harvest,
our God has drawn us close,
Your love has made us one.

Chorus

Come, join the work;
God's bringing life;
God's bringing life.
Hands in the same dirt;
enemies are one body now.
Come sing new words;
God's bringing life;
God's bringing life.
Lay down your swords;
the wars you've learned are over now.
God's turned your weapons into ploughs;
new life will come from death, somehow.

Prayer/Call to worship

In the beginning, when God began creating,
it was a garden that was the site God chose,
to be close to the people;
close to the plants;
close to the animals.

After Jesus,
the wide world was the site God chose,
to be close to us;
and for us to be close to one another.
The land we have to work is hearts;
the seed we plant is love;
the fruit we bear is love,

joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
gentleness,
thankfulness,
humility,
self control.

May God be in our meeting;
in our planting;
in our growing;
and in our harvesting.
Amen

Song: Wa Wa Wa Emimimo (Andrew and William)

Wa wa wa Emimimo. (Emiolye.)
Wa wa wa Alagbaram. (Alagbarameta.)
Wao, wao, wao. (Emimimo.)

Children's Talk: Jules

Mark's story of James and John

Reading: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Prayer of Confession

God of faithfulness,
We have not always been faithful.

Christ who shows us how to love our neighbour
We have not always loved our siblings in your family,
let alone reached out to care for our neighbour.

Spirit of truth
We have not always spoken the truth;
we have not always spoken with love,
or kindness,
or gentleness.

Forgive us we pray.

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Assurance of forgiveness

Friends, fellow travelers on this way, siblings in God's everlasting family; our sins are forgiven. As Jesus said in John 8, "Go and from now on, no more sin."

Hebrews story of Leadership

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. They are able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since they themselves are subject to weakness; and because of this they must offer sacrifice for their own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as God says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, creator of the universe,
When we see your works
the world your words created
how can we not marvel at the beauty?

When we look at one another;
at the skills and talents of your people;
at the work you have done in this community through these people;
how can we not be thankful for your gifts given freely to us?

When we see the great understanding and knowledge
of the leaders you have brought to us;
of the sacrifices made by generation after generation of leaders in this place
how can we not be thankful for these gifts you have brought us
in this season?

When we look and see the new generation of children
faithfully raised and cared for and taught your way of love,
how can we not be thankful that your family is everlasting?

People of God, with joy in your hearts, look around you
for things to be thankful for.
Be at peace.

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Prayer of Supplication

Song: Wa Wa Wa Emimimo (Andrew and William)

Wa wa wa Emimimo. (Emiolye.)
Wa wa wa Alagbaram. (Alagbarameta.)
Wao, wao, wao. (Emimimo.)

Children's sharing

Sending out

Friends, God has brought us leaders according to our needs for leadership.
Be thankful.

Friends, God has given grace enough for all who would follow Jesus.

Be gracious.

Friends, God will recognise those who are their children.

Be at peace.

Amen

Before we sing our final song, I want to encourage you to read the Book of Ruth over the next 2 weeks. In 2 weeks I will be back in front of you to talk to you about Ruth's story. I hope you can come.

In our leaving, we will sing a protest song from South Africa sung by people struggling against apartheid calling for freedom and justice. We can sing it along with everyone who still suffers oppression. As we sing we also recall the Bible promise that a time will come when justice will be seen over all the world and suffering will end, meaning freedom for all, and the command from Jesus to be the freedom that others still seek, still strive for, still die for.

Going out song: Freedom is coming (Andrew and William)

All Freedom is coming,
Freedom is coming,
Freedom is coming,
O yes, I know.

Repeat

(Leader O freedom, O freedom, O freedom x2)

All O yes, I know,
O yes, I know,
O yes, I know,
O yes, I know.

Repeat

(Leader O yes I know, O yes I know, O yes I know x2)

All Jesus is coming,
Jesus is coming,
Jesus is coming,
O yes, I know.

Repeat

(Leader O Jesus, O Jesus, O Jesus x2)

All O yes, I know,
O yes, I know,
O yes, I know,
O yes, I know.

Repeat

(Leader O yes I know, O yes I know, O yes I know x2)