

Service Plan | Sunday 17 October

- This service is designed for use in a small group setting, so will function differently with only 1 or 2 people. Feel free to adapt it to suit.
- It will be helpful if one person leads the gathering, and introduces each section using the suggested words, or take turns! There are some things to say together as well (in bold).
- You can access the songs and sermon by clicking on the links where they are found in the outline.

Introduction

As we meet together today, let's begin by giving thanks to our great God and Saviour who has called us into his church:

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for all your gifts so freely given to us,
for life and health and safety,
for power to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection,
for the gift of your Spirit,
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Optional Song

We Belong to the Day - [Link](#)

Optional Kid's Song

Blind Man - [Link](#)

Optional Kid's Video (approx. 9 minutes)

Friendship with God - Part 3 - Perfected Friendships

Quiz Worx Video - [Link](#)

Kids' Activity sheets are here: [Ages 2-4](#) | [Ages 5-8](#) | [Ages 9-12](#)

Bible Readings

The following, or another prayer may be said before the Bible readings

Thank you, Father, that all Scripture is God-breathed,
and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting
and training in righteousness.

Open our hearts to receive your word, that we may know you better
and be thoroughly equipped for every good work,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lamentations 1:12-22

ל Lamed

¹² Is this nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see!
Is there any pain like mine, which was dealt out to me,
which the LORD made me suffer on the day of his burning anger?

מ Mem

¹³ He sent fire from on high into my bones; he made it descend.
He spread a net for my feet and turned me back.
He made me desolate, sick all day long.

נ Nun

¹⁴ My transgressions have been formed into a yoke, fastened together by his hand;
they have been placed on my neck, and the Lord has broken my strength.
He has handed me over to those I cannot withstand.

ו Samek

¹⁵ The Lord has rejected all the mighty men within me.
He has summoned an army against me to crush my young warriors.
The Lord has trampled Virgin Daughter Judah like grapes in a winepress.

ז Ayin

¹⁶ I weep because of these things; my eyes flow with tears.
For there is no one nearby to comfort me, no one to keep me alive.
My children are desolate because the enemy has prevailed.

ח Pe

¹⁷ Zion stretches out her hands; there is no one to comfort her.
The LORD has issued a decree against Jacob that his neighbors should be his adversaries.
Jerusalem has become something impure among them.

ט Tsade

¹⁸ The LORD is just, for I have rebelled against his command.
Listen, all you people; look at my pain.
My young women and young men have gone into captivity.

ק Qoph

¹⁹ I called to my lovers, but they betrayed me.
My priests and elders perished in the city
while searching for food to keep themselves alive.

ר Resh

²⁰ LORD, see how I am in distress. I am churning within;
my heart is broken, for I have been very rebellious.
Outside, the sword takes the children; inside, there is death.

ש Shin

²¹ People have heard me groaning, but there is no one to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my misfortune; they are glad that you have caused it. Bring on the day you have announced, so that they may become like me.

ἦ Τάω

²² Let all their wickedness come before you, and deal with them as you have dealt with me because of all my transgressions. For my groans are many, and I am sick at heart.

Acts 20:1-12

After the uproar was over, Paul sent for the disciples, encouraged them, and after saying farewell, departed to go to Macedonia. ² And when he had passed through those areas and offered them many words of encouragement, he came to Greece ³ and stayed three months. The Jews plotted against him when he was about to set sail for Syria, and so he decided to go back through Macedonia. ⁴ He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia. ⁵ These men went on ahead and waited for us in Troas, ⁶ but we sailed away from Philippi after the Festival of Unleavened Bread. In five days we reached them at Troas, where we spent seven days.

⁷ On the first day of the week, we assembled to break bread. Paul spoke to them, and since he was about to depart the next day, he kept on talking until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were assembled, ⁹ and a young man named Eutychus was sitting on a window sill and sank into a deep sleep as Paul kept on talking. When he was overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down, bent over him, embraced him, and said, “Don’t be alarmed, because he’s alive.” ¹¹ After going upstairs, breaking the bread, and eating, Paul talked a long time until dawn. Then he left. ¹² They brought the boy home alive and were greatly comforted.

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Sermon

Garry Dibley – [Acts 20:1-12](#)

Optional time for discussion or reflection

Creed

Let’s affirm together, what it is we believe:

**We believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Notices

Video - [Link](#)

Confession

Although we are the people of God, Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus died for us and intercedes for us with the Father. Let us draw near to God, who freely forgives through his infinite goodness and mercy, and pray to him with sincerity and confidence.

**Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we should.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and turn to his Son Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation.

Prayer

Informal time of prayer or you could use the prayers below:

Lord God, help us as we come before you to trust in you and rely, not on our own strength, but on your almighty power and love. We praise you, Lord, for the world we live in, for the joy around us found through relationships and the created world. We thank you for our minds and ideas. Please help us, as we consider what we make with our own hands, to draw close to you and give you the glory, recognising that each of us is special and unique, created to follow and service you. Enable us to set aside time to read and contemplate your word and grow in our understanding of you and your plan.

As we emerge from lockdown, may we be thoughtful and prayerful of those around us, looking for opportunities to reach out to others and be willing servants, eager to point the way to Christ. We lift up prayers for our health workers and other public servants, that they may grow in their understanding of you and be refreshed and renewed through your strength.

We pray, Dear God, for those experiencing turmoil and upheaval in their lives. Enable them to see clearly and give them wisdom in their situation and circumstances. We also pray for those unwell and struggling with relationships; that you will provide them with peace and confidence in their acceptance before you. May their caregivers and supporters in our community seek to reflect your grace towards others.

Dear Lord, we bring those going through financial hardship before you, and we ask you to bring them relief and guidance. We pray within our Macarthur region for many people to experience an awakening in their desire to seek you out and come to know you as their Lord and Saviour.

We ask for continued safety with our ongoing building programme and pray that workers will take time to consider you and your love through exposure to our church site. We also pray the local community will be curious and eager to know you and we will be willing to be used by you to reach those around us. As we look forward to Christmas, encourage us to look for opportunities to connect with neighbours, family and work colleagues and assist them to think through the deeper meaning of Christ coming as a child to be our Saviour.

We pray for the spread of your word throughout the world, especially in Africa. May your name will be boldly proclaimed, and may those committed to your will deepen their understanding and love of you in their lives. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen.

Optional Song

How Great is Our God - [Link](#)

Concluding Prayer

Father, take us and use us to love and serve you
and all people, in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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