



A CHILD AMONG US

September 26, 2021

WELCOME

(Use this time to welcome people)

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

NOTICES

GATHERING AND WELCOMING PRAYER

Friends, we gather as God's people.

Let us celebrate the joy of family and the presence of God's Spirit amongst us.

In the presence of God's people,

Let us praise your name, O God of all!

Jesus, draw close to us today, as we gather together,

For we long to hear your words

And live out your teachings.

Fill our hearts with love for you and your people.

Bring to us new understanding of your teachings, for we long to listen and learn.

We commit our lives to your ways, for you are our God and we are your people Alleluia!

Praise our Loving God.

MUSIC/SONG (You can copy, past & download these songs with Lyrics)

Creation Sings

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/596315459/4ffa7cc1ae>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of our days,

We are so sorry for our actions that move away from your path.

We let our emotions control our responses, mingling shyness and embarrassment,
or anger and frustration overcome appropriate replies.

We are so sorry we let our fears overcome your Way.

We say things without careful thought, nor our true meaning.

We are so sorry that speak without love in our words.

We lash out with actions that are not helpful or even aggressive.
We are so sorry that kindness is too often forgotten.
Forgive our ways that dishonour you and our faith.
Bring us to the path of Jesus, so that we walk together in love

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God calls to you and is always present.
The Spirit dwells within to guide and console you.
Jesus companions you on your journey.
People of God, raise your heads and see the Way of faith.
Let us travel together in friendship.

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of gracious love, may we as your church, use these gifts to build up the community in which we worship, so that we can be the salt of love to all whom we meet.
In your name, we live and pray.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Take this time to pray for our world, our local community, and individuals)

MUSIC

His Name is called Emmanuel

<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/548294750>

READINGS FOR TODAY

Esther 7:1-6 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

REFLECTION

A Child Among Us

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/607174170/60ac8e006c>

MUSIC/SONG

Mary Did You Know

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/607188662/9cc4c43b26>

QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE REFLECTION

- How do you feel about the concept of embracing our faith as innocently as a little child?
- Do you think Jesus was really referring to adults or children when he spoke about tying a millstone around your neck?
- How effective do you think non-violence would be today – e.g. peaceful protests? Or as Mahatma Gandhi showed us in India ‘acts of non-compliance’, or refusing to participate, or when they were being shot at to not resist?
- How do you see this as the major turning point for Jesus’ ministry and mission?

SILENCE

Take this time to sink into your heart and let the Spirit of God speak to you about child-like faith.





CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

God calls each of us, and calls all of us.

We are all God's people, and each bring our gifts to the other.

As Christians together, let us pilgrimage with Jesus,

listen to the voice of God's Spirit and delight in the Creation that greets us each day.

Through our loving God, let us live in peace with one another.

MUSIC/SONG

(Optional)

Some Prayers adapted from Words for Worship 26th September 2021

- You may wish to include another piece of music or song here)

Emmanuel – Chris Tomlin

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/607232904/b3a610df73>