



## Open Table Worship

*Remembrance Service – a time to look toward peace*

### Coffee & Chat

- How do you feel about Remembrance Day?
- Whom do you remember on Remembrance Day? Why? How?
- What might we do to be better Peacemakers?

### Gathering –

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey you are welcome here at Open Table.

**All: We are here. We are who we are.**

Introduce yourself using only your first name, then saying either:

'I am here.' or 'I am who I am,' or both.

**All: You are who you are, created by God.**

### Act of Remembering 2 – Those who refused – white feathers

- Would you have received a white feather?
- Would you have delivered it to others?
- What does it mean to follow the Prince of Peace?
- Referring to Isaiah 2, what does it mean to 'beat our swords into ploughshares'?
- How do we reconcile our commitment to peace and our commitment to 'keep the peace'?

### A prayer for peace

Holy Spirit, Dove of Peace,  
Created from a hundred white feathers,  
you hover over the world  
Refusing to engage in the chaos,  
Bringing order and peace to this world.

**Send us peace.**

Holy Spirit, you came to the disciples  
gathered in fear in the Upper Room.  
You did not condemn them when they cowered.  
You calmed them with the choice of peace.

Inspire and guide us when we are faced with change.

**Send us peace.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life and love,  
help us to build your kin-dom, your family,  
showing upon all, like the white feathers from a dove,  
the gifts of gentleness, self-control, love, joy and peace.

### Looking into the Bible

*James 3:13-18*

- What are the elements of 'wisdom from above'?
- What wisdom of our world might be described as 'wisdom from above'?
- What wisdom of our world seems to oppose 'wisdom from above'?
- How do you 'make peace'?
- Who offers you a model of a wise and good life?
- How are you an example of a wise and good life?
- Where is God calling you to change to be more in tune with 'wisdom from above' and to lead a 'good life'?

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, thank you for your presence in our lives, today and each day. Thank you for uniting us through this meal, renewed and empowered as your family. Amen.

### Closing Prayer

God of peace, thank you for making us who we are, and bringing us together today. Strengthen us this Remembrance Sunday to be your agents of reconciliation, healing and peace. Amen.

### Going into the world to build peace

Remember, we are one family of hope and possibility.  
Be strong and courageous.  
Be builders of peace.

**We go, to serve the Prince of Peace. Amen.**