



Open Table Worship

Are Angels still speaking?

A service interwoven with scripture & conversation

Angel art, by Ava-Rose Tonkin, Salisbury UK

Coffee & Chat Look at the angels in the centre of your table.

- *What do you think an angel is? Or is not?*
- *Where have your ideas about angels come from?*

Gathering –

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

I am here. **You are who you are, created by God.**

Sharing a greeting of peace *Luke 2.8-10*

Looking into the Bible *A montage of verses involving angels*

Singing

Conversations: *An idea to ponder: Are God's angels still speaking?*

- Do you think God's angels, however we understand them, are still speaking today, to us? Are they still proclaiming, 'Do not be afraid. God is with you.'?
- Have you ever encountered what you would call an angel?
- Consider, when have you been afraid and someone has helped you, like an angel, encouraging you to not be afraid, giving you courage?
- When have you been the angel someone needed in their life? What message did you deliver to them?

Angel Litany *(to be read responsively)*

For all the angels who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with courage,

We thank you, God.

For all the angels who live in our midst, with whom we work, play and worship,

We thank you, God.

For all the angels who challenge us to boldly, fearlessly, change the world with them,

We thank you, God. Amen.

Sharing & Caring – Bringing light into our world

Prayers for our world

Singing

Time for quiet reflection

The Lord's Prayer

Communion celebration

Invitation to Communion:

Prayer of preparation & confession

Words of Remembrance: the communion story

Prayer of Thanks

Sharing the bread & the juice

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**God of mercy and power, mother and father of us all,
thank you for inviting us into a world
where we need not be afraid,
and for uniting us through this meal.**

**May it empower us to go forth in joy,
renewed and invigorated, to be your messengers
sharing your message of justice, love and peace. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Sending forth (responsive reading)

Be not afraid.

We are not afraid.

Go to share the Good News with the courage, faith, and conviction of an angel.

We go with God.

Singing

Closing act

Angel Hymn

Angels from the realms of glory

Alternative lyrics by Chris & Ted Haines, Salisbury UK

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight around this place,
You who sang creations story,
Bless our worship here with grace

Gloria....

In excelsis deo

We in church have heard the story
Of Messiah's humble birth.
We must take to all the city
God's great love and all its worth.

Gloria.....