

Smethwick Old Church



Evening Service of the Word

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Beneath the mists of time,
before the world began,
beyond our understanding:
in the beginning...

God.

Fathering history,
mothering creation,
parenting earth's people
from the beginning...

God.

Expecting the right moment,
preparing the right way,
revealing the right person
for each new beginning...

God.

We believe in one God,
maker and mover of heaven and earth.

Silence...

Prayer

Let us pray...

God,
God the maker,
maker of colour, sound, texture, quietness,
and the restless beauty of living things,
we bless you.

God,
God the maker,
maker of granite and mustard seed,
of grey cloud and starlight,
of earthquake and heartbeat,
we bless you.

God,
God our maker,
maker of all that is unseen,
of all that has been,
of all that words could never capture,
we bless you.

God,
God our maker,
we, the children of your love,
the creatures of your kindness,
the guardians of your creation,
we bless you.

**We bless you for your making,
your trusting,
your loving,
your never-ending goodness.
Amen**

The Word of God

Psalm

Reading from the Old testament

Reading from the New testament

Reflection

Silence...

Prayers of concern and thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass
against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

Closing responses

From where we are
to where you need us,
Christ be beside us

From what we are
to what you can make with us
Christ be before us.

From the mouthing of generalities
to making signs of your kingdom,
Christ be beneath us.

Through the streets of this world
to the gates of heaven,
Christ be above us.

Surround us with your presence,
inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.

Amen

Blessing