**Theme – Holy Habit … Worship**

The Book of Acts gives us ten clear instructions of how to become stronger and more faithful disciples. These are called ‘**Holy Habits**’ and they assist us in deepening our discipleship. Today we shall explore the ninth Holy Habit, **Worship.**

**Call to worship (1 Women, 2 Men , 3 All)**

♫ Bless the Lord, Bless the Lord,

 Bless the Lord, there is no other God (Repeat x 3)

**Hymn** **RS 118** *Praise to the Living God*

**Opening prayers**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**A song to welcome the Word**

Bring your questions, bring your feelings,

bring the things you think you’ve learned.

Here, with God, let’s search for meaning,

in encounter with God’s Word.

By these texts and their retelling,

heard through all we bring today,

may God grant fresh understanding

of the role we’re called to play.

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Tune is what a friend we have in Jesus

**Readings** *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

**Ninth ‘Holy Habit WORSHIP**

 *Worship as……. A way of life*

 *Worship as …… An expression of devotion*

 *Worship as……. An expression of spiritual energy*

**Hymn**

The true Church is found where God's purpose is sovereign,
 where people acknowledge God's will as supreme;
 each under God's governance, trusting God's greatness,
 beyond all the splendour earth's conquerors could dream!

 The true Church is found where its preachers sincerely,
 with true hearts and minds, are proclaiming God's Word;
 where people are hearing and truly responding,
 and yearning to live in the truth they have heard.

 The true Church is found where the bread is still broken,
 received by the people at Christ's own command,
 with Christ truly present for those who receive it,
 as though it is served by his own wounded hand.

 The true Church is found where God's people acknowledge
 the crucified Christ and submit to his call;
 his chosen ones serve him, whose service is freedom,
 and though worlds should perish, his Church shall not fall.

 The true Church is found where God's people, united,
 are joined in obedience to Christ, in whose name,
 with love and good will they put trust in each other,
 and prove by their own love, the love they proclaim!

 The true Church is found where, without condemnation,
 Christ's people love others, and hatred is healed.
 They look for the good and seek Christ in each neighbour,
 till Love's hidden purpose for all is revealed.
  *Alan Gaunt (born 1935)*
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 *Tune Streets of Laredo*
**Offertory**

**2nd Reading** *Luke 4:16-21*

**Ninth ‘Holy Habit’** *Rhythm and styles of worship*

**Hymn RS 497** *Give to me Lord a thankful heart*

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Hymn *Refrain (sung twice)***

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.*

*Singing we gladly worship the Lord.*

*Those who are travelling the road of life*

*Sow seeds of peace and love.*

Come, bringing hope into a world of fear,

A world which is burdened down with dread

A world which is yearning for a greater love

But needs to be shown the true way **Refrain**

Come bringing joyfully in both your hands

Some kindling to light the path to peace,

some hope that there is a more human world

Where justice and truth will be born. **Refrain**

Whenever hatefulness and violence

Are banished forever from our hearts.

Then will the world believe the day is near

 When sadness and pain find their end. **Refrain**

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**Closing Prayer**

**Blessing**

The peace of the earth be with you,

the peace of the oceans too;

the peace of the rivers be with you,

the peace of the oceans too.

Deep peace falling over you;

God’s peace growing in you.



**9. Worship**