

## ***Prayer Service 6 – Giving thanks for the year that has been***

*Create a focal space with a brightly coloured cloth, a candle in the centre and place the agendae and minutes of the past year around the candle.....a small bundle of pieces of paper and pens*

**Leader:** As we come together this evening, we take a moment to give thanks for the year that has been....for all our conversations....our planning....our deliberations...our decision-making.....we place all of this and ourselves before the Lord. *PAUSE*

### ***Scripture Reading: Psalm 136***

**Reader 1:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 1:** Give thanks to the God of gods.

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 1:** Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 2:** to him who alone does great wonders,

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 2:** who by his understanding made the heavens,

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 2:** who spread out the earth upon the waters,

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 2:** who made the great lights—

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 2:** the sun to govern the day,

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 2:** the moon and stars to govern the night;

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 3:** He remembered us in our lowliness

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 3:** and freed us from our enemies.

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 3:** He gives food to every creature.

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Reader 3:** Give thanks to the God of heaven.

**All:** *His love endures forever.*

**Leader:** I invite you now to take a pen and paper and to name for yourself what you wish to give thanks for, in the year that has been.....*PAUSE*.....we place these around the candle.... *PAUSE*

**Leader:** We draw our prayer to a close, as we say together, *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*