**Trinity Sunday – Where we meet**

**Father Station**

***‘We meet at the doorway’***

**The story of the Two Sons**

**Luke 15:11-32 (CEV)**

**Set-up: Prayer room and door to prayer room on stage.**

People place themselves in the feet of these two sons – one inside the house, one outside.

**Foot prints of the younger son – inside the house** – **Before the party vibes.**

Reading on wall - Luke 15:11-24

Jazz. Two sets of party outfits male/female hanging up. Party shoes.

Wash area – Basin with mirror and nice male/female toiletries, jugs of warm water, towel. Shaved piece of soap for each person.

**Foot prints of the eldest son – outside the house – End of work vibes.**

Path of rocks. Markers. Garden pot outside door. Large garden tool outside door.

Reading on wall – Luke 15: 25-32

**Prayer sheet:**

**Station – Father – We meet at the doorway. The story of the two sons.**

This story was told by Jesus and reveals to us the heart of our father.

We will place ourselves in the shoes of these two sons/part A & B – in any order.

**Part A.**

**Read the story on the wall of the younger son. We place ourselves in his shoes.**

**Reading Luke 15:11-24**

**Action:**

*Take a piece of soap and make the prayer of the younger son yours this morning:*

Before I get the chance to make my confessions,
Father you have seen my return and run to me with a great embrace.
I make my confessions now, where I like this son have turned away.
I admit where I feel lost, unworthy, where I taste bitterness and hunger.

*Spend a moment in reflection.*

But before I even get to finish you are cleaning me up and putting new clothes on me, calling for a celebration. Father you place a ring on my finger as a sign of high position in the family and shoes on my feet that show I am no slave.
From top to toe, you celebrate my return.
 *Wash your hands in this basin and hear the celebration in your heart.*

**Part B.**

**Read the story on the wall of the elder son. We place ourselves in his shoes.**

**Reading Luke 15:25-32**

**Action:**

*Pick up a rock and make the prayer of the elder son yours this morning:*

I come near to your house, tired from serving.

I hear the music of celebration inside and it seems there is never a party for me.

Father you open the door and beg me to come in. But before I do, I confess the things that make me angry about this family - the things I don’t understand about this life of faith.

*Spend a moment in reflection.*

Father you say, “My child, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.” You tell me to be glad, to celebrate the sounds of life next door, to know you are always for me.

*Write your name on the rock. Place it back on the path of welcome and know that everything God has made and does is yours to enjoy.*

**Son station**

***‘We meet at the call to peace.’***

**The banner of peace.**

**Set-up:** Area A:

Banner made of hessian with symbol painted in black on it – tied to a pole.

Images of battle at sea. Blue sheer fabric around.

A large rail, nails, hammers, flags.

Isaiah 11:10 printed on the wall.

# Isaiah 11:10

**10**On that day, Jesse’s Root (Jesus) will be raised high, standing as a rallying banner for the peoples. The nations will all come to him. His resting place will be glorious.

**Set-up:** Area B:

Isaiah 11:1-5 NLT printed on the wall. Image of Jesus projected onto a banner.

**Prayer Sheet:**

**Station - Son – We meet at the call to peace. The banner of peace.**

This image of Jesus being a banner reveals to us the power of Jesus.

We will place ourselves before these two banners/Part A & B in any order.

**Part A**

**Read the verse on the wall about the banner of peace.**

**Isaiah 11:10**

**Instruction:**

A banner is displayed for the gathering of soldiers together. It is a sign of preparation for war and an encouragement to join.

It gives direction for where soldiers should stand, when they should march and who they should follow. It is held up at the time of victory.

*Where might Jesus be calling you to his banner, to fight for peace under his leadership and protection? Reflect for a moment on a place of battle or conflict in your life or in life around you, that weighs on your heart today.*

In the 17th century it was the custom in naval warfare to direct cannon fire at the opponent’s ship’s mast, thus disabling it. If all the ship’s masts were broken the captain usually had no choice but to surrender. The banners (flags) were lowered as a sign of submission.

If the captain decided to fight on, this was marked by nailing the banners on the remnants of the ship’s rigging – wherever it could still be visible to the rest of the fleet. This is where we get the saying, ‘nailing their colours to the mast.’

*As your prayer for peace, you may wish to nail your colours to the mast.*

*Pick up a flag and nail it to the wood as a prayer to hold on to peace, to not surrender to the destruction of yourself or others.*

*Spend some time listening to any further instruction or understanding Jesus may give you through his spirit.*

**Part B**

**Read the verse on the wall about Jesus the banner and commander.**

Isaiah 11:1-5

We are reminded that Jesus’ resting place – his headquarters – is a place of restoration like no other. One we can experience now and far more gloriously in the future when all is renewed.

Jesus is the banner and commander that we can come to as a stronghold, protector, refuge. Jesus is the one who is able to save and the one we can seek advice and counsel from.

*As you reflect on this picture of Jesus, rest in him. Seek out his advice and restoration.*

**Spirit Station**

***‘We meet in the cave’***

**The Lord appears to Elijah**

**Set-up: Area A:** Cave made of tent and black fabric. Pieces of black paper, chalk.

Print out of 1 Kings 19:1-10 (NLT) and 1 Kings 19:10-13. Trays of sand.

**Prayer Sheet:**

**Station – Spirit. We meet in the cave. The Lord appears to Elijah.**

This story of Elijah reveals to us the nature of the Spirit.

We will place ourselves at this cave.

Follow this sheet in order.

**Read the verse on the wall**

**1 Kings 19:1-10**

Elijah is hiding in a cave alone, after fleeing in fear for weeks and weeks.

God, with his eyes on his fugitive, enables Elijah to complete his chosen journey to the solitude of mount Sinai.

After a night’s rest ‘a voice’ asks Elijah, “What are you doing here?”

*Take a piece of paper and some chalk from the cave. Spend some time telling God the story of where you are at this morning - the state you are in. If you wish, you can draw a symbol of yourself and place it in the cave.*

**Read the verse on the wall.**

**1 Kings 19:10-13**

Elijah pours out his heart to God. He tells the story of why he has run away from his work. He shares his failures, fears, hopelessness, despair and aloneness.

God calls Elijah to come out of the cave and stand before him. Elijah stays in the cave. What does he experience?

God could have revealed himself in any of these terrifying acts of nature as he had before. But in this moment, God reveals himself in ‘demamah’ translated as “a voice; a whisper; a gentle one.”

W*hat might this gentle whisper have said? This remains a secret. Take a moment to write in the sand what might have been whispered, and perhaps any whispers to your heart this morning. Wipe them away as you leave.*

The wind, the earthquake and fire did not draw Elijah out of the cave, or make him cover his face in reverence. But the quiet voice of the Spirit did. Penetrating his inmost soul. As Elisha climbed outside the cave in awe, a voice again asked, “What are you doing here?” inferring the searching question, ‘Are you where you should be?’

*Take a moment to reflect on this question. Are you where you should be?*

 *Listen for the quiet whisper of the Spirit.*

In the fearful experience and in the quiet whisper Elijah’s heart was touched, and he was directed without delay to return to the place he had fled from - the land of Israel and did the work of God there.