*Father’s Day Service – Gifts, pudding, brown paper, markers, print outs, prize*

**Welcome and Intro**

This Father's Day we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and friends who have been a blessing in our lives. We wish to bless the men in our church community on this night.

Would all the guys in our community, young and old, please stand up.

We have a community full of amazing men. Even just by being here tonight you are exceptional in this world. Your positive impact on future generations is certain.

Thankyou for your commitment to the life of this church family.

You set an example for us as you encourage each other to mature in faith, as you stick it out even when the going gets tough, as you show grace and care to all of us.

You show us the Father’s heart in so many different ways, you show us how to have fun and how to be generous with our strengths, you show us how to humbly follow Jesus, trust in his grace and extend justice to others. You guys really are a gift in our lives. We hope you enjoy this evening and are encouraged as leaders, brothers and fathers in this community.

We would like to bless you now and give you each a gift.

Hand out chocolates.

***Father’s Day Call to Worship  - Printed on tables***

(based on Psalm 68:4-5, 19)

This father’s day we Thank God for the way He has bought us together as a big family and the way he has looked after each one of us. We are his children, we are his apprentices, we walk with Him and Him with us. The bible says our names are written on the back of his hand.

Come, sing praises to God!

Rejoice in his presence!

For he is our God:

a Father to the fatherless,

and the defender of all who need protection;

the One in whom the lonely find a home,

and the prisoner finds release.

**Bless the Lord,**

**the God who saves us,**

**who sustains and strengthens us,**

**day after day.**

**Mains – Men served first – *Play ‘Father’s Day Playlist.***

**Father’s Day Prayer for others**

Spend a moment thinking of a bloke or maybe a few who you would like to bring to God especially today. You can write their names or draw a picture of them on the table.

God we bring each of these people before you.

May each find your mercy, strength, provision and love.

May each follow the pattern of you Jesus, as the best brother and of Father God as the best father who loves us unconditionally, who disciplines us fairly, who is a source of strength and wisdom, eager to give us good gifts.

May your church provide the support and space for you to have your good way in their lives.

Amen

**Play clip of prodigal son from Storybook bible**

**Dessert**

**Game – Competition between tables. Clip from movie quiz.**

***Sending for Father’s Day – Father’s Day Benediction***

The Lord God almighty is our Father:
**he loves us and carries us in his arms**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
**he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:
**he will lead us in God's holy way.**

To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
**be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.**

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