Dear friend
I am pleased to enclose this week's service sheet.

'O Jesus I have promised', to Hatherop Castle, played by a brass band with words to sing along:
https://youtu.be/aNz-33V1V8A

or the more traditional tune, Wolvercote:
https://youtu.be/9pjAnOf_Qd4

'May the words of my mouth' (psalm 19 v 14) by Daniel Cheung:
https://youtu.be/SdKhwGMPssI

At this season of harvest, Pittsburgh Camerata sing, 'Thou visitest the earth' by Maurice Greene, with rolling score:
https://youtu.be/-uSMbcGB6t0

and finally from Martin: 'This I Believe (The Creed)' - Hillsong UNITED
A musical version of the creed filmed at a live concert in Israel in 2017:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjWDsyCwiSc

Enjoy!
Chris

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. *Psalm 19.14.*

CONFESSION. My sins, Lord, are dulling my conscience. I get used to evil very quickly; a little self-indulgence here, a small unfaithfulness there, An unwise action farther on, and my vision becomes obscured, I no longer see stumbling-blocks, I no longer see other people on my road. *Michel Quoist*.
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. *Common Worship*.

COLLECT. Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you; pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS. Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29,
Psalm 19.7-end, James 5.12-end,
Mark 9.38-end.

REFLECTION. How dare this upstart cast out devils in Jesus' name? He wasn't one of the elite group of disciples – he hadn't been on the correct training course! The disciples clearly felt they were the sole authorized agents with the power to distribute the good news. Yet God does not stick to our protocols; his Holy Spirit blows freely, in unexpected places and through the most unlikely people, even children. The phrase "in the name of Jesus" represents a life which accepts God's sovereignty. If we act with compassion (such as giving a disciple a cup of water), we are doing the work of God's kingdom. If we cause a "little one" (not just a child) to stumble, we prevent him or her from exercising their own personal ministry. Jesus commands us to live at peace with each other, not acting as rivals.

PRAYERS The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray to one another, so that you may be healed. *James 5.15-16*.



Lord, teach us to pray. Help us to listen to you, to be receptive to your Holy Spirit.

We pray for the fractured nations of this world, for areas where the weak and vulnerable are at the mercy of the powerful.

Help us to care for, and learn from, the "little ones", and support us when we, too, stumble.

We bring before you all who are afflicted in mind, body or spirit, those in physical pain or mental anguish, those who grieve, the lonely or dispossessed, the victims of earthquake, fire or other natural disaster. Especially we pray for……..

A moment of silent reflection…….

We say the **LORD'S PRAYER**
We share **THE GRACE**

FINAL PRAYER O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and friendship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and malice. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but strong enough to turn away the power of evil. Make the door of this house a gateway to your eternal kingdom. *Thomas Ken, adapted*.