Introduction. Giving thanks for this group we say together:-

**There’s a quiet understanding**

**when we’re gathered in the Spirit,**

**it’s a promise that he gives us**

**when we gather in his name.**

**There’s a love we feel in Jesus,**

**there’s a manna that he feeds us,**

**it’s a promise that he gives us,**

**when we gather in his name.**

**And we know when we’re together,**

**Sharing love and understanding,**

**that our brothers and our sisters**

**feel the oneness that he brings.**

**Thank you, thank you Jesus,**

**for the way you love and feed us,**

**for the many ways you lead us,**

**thank you, Lord.**

Tedd Smith – Singing the Faith

Collect for today.

**Almighty God,**

**you have created the heavens and the earth**

**and made us in your own image:**

**teach us to discern your hand in all your works**

**and your likeness in all your children;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,**

**who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns**

**supreme over all things,**

**now and forever,**

**Amen.**

Reading for today read by Michael,

Genesis 2 verses 4b-9, and 15-17.

Prayer and meditation – Let us pray.

Sometimes we fail to recognise You; to listen to You speaking to us; and we lose the sense of wonder at the mystery of Your presence in us, and through all things. Help us to experience you anew.

**Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart,**

**Be all else but nought to me save that Thou art;**

**Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,**

**Both waking and sleeping Thy presence my light.**

We are called to Relationship; but we do not always follow that way. We fail to love you in others. Help us to love anew.

**Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,**

**Be Thou ever with me and I with Thee Lord;**

**Be Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;**

**Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

We only partially understand the depth and power of Your love. We can put up barriers to your healing in us and do not let others love us. Help us to have faith anew.

**Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;**

**Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;**

**Be Thou my soul’s shelter, be Thou my strong tower;**

**O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

We can be distracted by that which gives superficial comfort; from You who are ultimate truth and our true security. Help us to find joy anew.

**Riches I need not, nor man’s empty praise:**

**Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;**

**Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart;**

**O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, Thou heaven’s bright Sun,**

**O grant me its joys after victory is won;**

**Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,**

**Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Ancient Irish

Tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931) & Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)

Intercessions

The Lord’s prayer.

Passage for discussion.

As we conclude we say to each other,

**The blessings of God break out around you**

 **His grace astound you**

 **His goodness ground you**

**The light of his smiling face surround you**

 **His miracles remake and remould you**

 **His mercies hold you**

 **His perfect peace enfold you.**

From Breakout – Gerard Kelly. I See A New City.