



## **Sense Making Faith p 144**

### **A short pilgrimage around a church**

**This pilgrimage is for Christians and consists of short prayers and reflections to be used at various points around the church. The walk should begin at the main church door, move around the church to the altar or table and back again to the church door. You can adapt the prayers or the stopping points according to the layout of your church. A form of words and a reflective or symbolic action is suggested for each stopping point, but you can adapt this to suit your own group and church environment.**

#### **At the door of the Church**

**Eternal Father,  
We pause at your threshold  
Where you call to us.  
Your door is open.  
Help us always to hear  
Your gracious invitation  
And find in you  
A heavenly hospitality.  
Amen**

#### **At the font**

**(People may touch the water in a small bowl)**

**Lord, Jesus,  
You were baptised  
In the waters of the Jordan.  
John baptised you  
And spoke your name.  
Your Father blessed you  
And was pleased in you.  
May we also please you  
Who walk with you,  
Friends with you  
In baptism and in life  
For the glory of your name**

**Amen**

**At the chairs/pews**

**(people may sit or kneel for a minute or two)**

**Spirit of God,**

**We think of all who sit here**

**In this holy and life-giving place,**

**To worship and to pray.**

**We think of all those who have been here**

**And are gone,**

**Giving thanks for their faith**

**For their prayers and their lives.**

**Keep us faithful to your Word**

**And grant that all who sit here in our future**

**Will know the depth of your peace,**

**Wisdom and love.**

**Amen**

**Where the books, displays are kept**

**(people may handle the books or look at the displays)**

**Heavenly Father,**

**Grant that all who pause here**

**Searching or looking,**

**Wondering or dreaming.**

**May find news of you,**

**In books, in pictures,**

**In the faces of others**

**And in ourselves.**

**Amen**

**Where donations/offerings are kept**

**(people may make a small donation, or take a gift envelope to keep)**

**Lord Jesus,**

**We remember those**

**Who are poor, lonely or without shelter.**

**We ask that they may be blessed and raised up**

**To stand with us**

**And that all who make offering here**

**Will know delight in giving and receiving.**

**Amen**

**Where candles are lit**

**(people may light a candle and pause for silent prayer)**

**Beloved Spirit of God,**

**We pause now where prayers are said.**

**These flames are lights in darkness**

**And stretch for heaven**

**With all our thoughts and needs.**

**Fill us with your warmth and light and love,**

**And let it flow within the world**

**To all who wait in darkness.  
Amen**

**At the altar  
(People may place a petition or prayer or Bible verse or other temporary object)**

**Heavenly Father,  
At this altar we remember your Son Jesus Christ.  
As he called together his disciples  
Broke bread and poured out wine,  
May we too be called to this table  
To remember him as Lord and Saviour.  
May we eat and drink in memory  
That he died for us, giving us  
His body and blood.  
Amen**

**At any musical instrument  
(people may sing a hymn, or listen to some music)**

**Jesus, Son of God,  
You taught us to pray and taught us to praise.  
May we always be ready to give thanks and praise.  
May the worship in this place  
Reach those beyond these walls,  
And our voices carry to those  
Who are waiting to hear  
The joyful news of your gospel.  
Amen**

**At any window  
(people may pause to look on or out of the window)**

**Come Holy Spirit,  
Inspire to look  
Beyond these walls.  
Help us to understand  
That beyond this window on the world  
Is where you are always at work.  
Help us to walk where you have been,  
Blowing where you will  
The breath of God into those who seek you.  
Amen**

**At any monument  
(people may pause to examine the monument)**

**Heavenly Father,  
Our life on earth is short.  
We give thanks for the faithful people  
Who have gone before us  
And ask that we remember**

**To live our own lives to the full  
The life you wish for us  
In full abundance.  
Amen**

**In the aisle  
(people should be given a few minutes to revisit any of the  
other stations or to wander around or sit, then reconvene)  
Jesus, Son of God, we gather once again  
To think about the world beyond this church.  
Help us to walk in your ways  
And witness to your truth.  
We give thanks for this fellowship  
And for your faith in us, your disciples.  
Amen**

**At the door of the church  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
To live and work to your praise and glory  
Amen**