## **Christian Meditation**

- 1. When you hear the music to signal that we will be meditating, get ready.
- 2. Sit still and upright with your back straight. Sit with core stability without leaning against anything.
- 3. Place both feet flat on the floor (or legs crossed if you are sitting on the floor).
- 4. Place your hands on your lap facing either upwards or downwards.
- 5. Close your eyes lightly, or look at your hands without focussing too hard on them.
- 6. Be aware of your normal breathing pattern as you start to relax.
- 7. After the music and the singing, you will hear the sacred prayer word maranatha as four separate syllables, ma-ra-na-tha. I will invite you to join in with the mantra gently and silently in your mind. Maranatha is your sacred prayer word, or mantra. It means, 'Come, Lord Jesus'.
- 8. You will hear a chime sound 3 times to signal the start of your meditation.
- 9. Remember to keep still. Don't fidget or move your body just be still and silent. You might hear a sound in the room, but stay silent.
- 10. Don't think of anything— I invite you to relax and let God in. If thoughts do come along, these are distractions so keep returning to saying your prayer word silently to focus your mind.
- 11. When the meditation time is ended, the chime will sound again three times, signalling the end of your meditation.
- 12. Are there any feelings that you had during your meditation? How are you feeling now?

