

SIGNS OF GRACE

A BEACHCOMBERFX WORK OF THE PEOPLE

- 1 Grace happens
- 2 All the time
- 3 In the dramatic and in the ordinary
- 4 Every moment with the potential to transform the world
- 5 Every instance a sign of God at work
- 6 At times we are distracted by other signs that demand our attention
- 7 Political swings and economic shifts
- 8 Facebook likes and Instagram pics
- 9 Step counts and carb amounts
- 10 Productivity charts and multiplying tasks
- 11 Yet in the beginning
- 12 Before seconds, minutes, and hours
- 13 Before technology and biology
- 14 Before stock rise and fall and left and right swings
- 15 There was God and there was grace
- 16 God created us and all things, but that was not the end
- 17 God is still handing out grace
- 18 Giving it to everyone and everything
- 19 Our job is to look for it, in each and every moment
- 20 Our task is to celebrate it, in each and every instance
- 1 So we look out for those holy moments
- 2 Search for altars in the world
- 3 Spaces and places where we can celebrate your presences
- 4 Evidence that you are still here with us
- 5 And your grace is still to be found

Pause

- 6 We remember
- 7 Todays moments
- 8 Where we have seen your grace at work
- 9 Todays instances
- 10 Of a world changed for good.

Pause

- 11 We remember
- 12 Lifes moments
- 13 When we sensed your purpose at work in us
- 14 Lifes instances
- 15 Of knowing we are loved without condition

Pause

- 16 We remember
- 17 Our moments
- 18 As we have journeyed together
- 19 Our instances
- 20 When we have been bound as one

Pause

- 1 We remember
- 2 The moments
- 3 When we turned our back
- 4 The instances
- 5 When our love has been absent

Pause

- 6 We remember Jesus
- 7 The moments of unequivocal welcome
- 8 His everyday forgiveness
- 9 The instances when love and justice prevailed
- 10 His life given over to fullness

Pause

- 1 Each one of us is caught up in this story of grace
- 2 Part of a journey from darkness into light
- 3 From slavery to freedom
- 4 So we share our story for it is a gift of God

Give space for people to share something - a moment of grace, an image, a song...!

- 5 Each one of us is created to be a love bringer
- 6 Giving of ourselves for the people we meet
- 7 Opening our arms in welcome to all
- 8 So we share our love for it is a gift of God
- 9 Each one of us is called to be a peacemaker
- 10 All of us from different places and shaped by different experiences
- 11 Yet gathered together in unity
- 12 So we share our peace for it is a gift of God

Give space for people to share love and peace as they want to! A handshake, hug, with words or without

- 13 Each one of us is sustained by the food we eat
- 14 It strengthens us; mind, body and spirit
- 15 It is a sign of God's grace
- 16 So we share this bread for it is a gift of God

Give space for people to share the bread

- 17 Each one of us is given life through what we drink
- 18 It is a sign of the fullness of life and it inspires joy
- 19 It is a sign of God's grace
- 20 So we raise our glasses and share a toast for it is a gift of God

Give space for people to raise a glass and drink

ALL We are a community of faith.

Strandlopers on a journey.

We have shared our stories, our peace, our eating and drinking Let us continue to live this way now and always.

By God's grace we go.

Amen