



Worship for Sunday 17th January 2021

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to service on this Epiphany 2. Welcome if you are joining us on Zoom or following the service at home, it is lovely to have you with us as we gather to worship as the family of God in this place. As we prepare for worship this morning, let us take a moment to still ourselves in the presence of our generous heavenly father.

Call to worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**
The lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Samuel said, 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' So, we pray today, Lord speak your words of wisdom. Speak your words of healing. Speak your words of challenge. Speak your words of love, for we, your people, are listening. **Amen**

A gathering prayer

Lord, we gather this morning as your disciples in the world today. Open our hearts to hear your word afresh. Take away our preconceptions, that we may be surprised by you, humbled by you and faithful to you. **Amen**

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins. *Silence.*

Christ came in humility to share our lives: Forgive us our pride. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people: Forgive our silence. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering: forgive our self-centredness. Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Epiphany 2

Eternal Lord, our beginning, and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading: I Samuel 3: 1-10

Arise, shine, for your light has come; the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

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God's salvation has been openly shown to all people. **The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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Hymn: Speak oh Lord

Reading: John 1: 43-end

Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn: Take my life

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers the link.

Drawn by God's love and constant faithfulness to us, let us pray.

Lord, you call us to be the body of Christ; help us to live out this calling in all that we do and in all that we are, may our worship, our service, our lives reflect your glory and love. We pray for the church throughout the world, for our Archbishops Justin and Stephen, Bishops Rachel and Robert, for all church leaders and congregation. Give us the courage and grace to share our faith with others, to offer invitations to come and see and to work together to build up the kingdom of God. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for the grace and wisdom to care for the world we have been given as our home, for wisdom in difficult decisions, and commitment to justice and peace. We pray for the leaders of the nations and for all those in position of power, fill them with your integrity and compassion. We pray for the places in our world where there is violence and war, political and civil unrest and poverty and famine, may your peace, justice and love shine into these situations. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for the homes of our local communities whose hopes and struggles, sorrows and fears are already known to you. May each household be blessed as we pray, and may your love fill each life. We thank you for all the kindness, love and support we have received, help us to be channels of your love as we reach out in support and kindness to others. We pray for local business, especially those affected by the Coronavirus. We pray for all those who nurture and care for children remembering especially schools, playgroups, and nurseries, bless them in their work. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, there are some who are going through very distressing, painful, and worrying times. We stand alongside them now, and ask for your comfort, reassurance, healing, and peace of mind. We bring before you all who are suffering whether in body, mind, or spirit and in a moment of silence we name before you any known to us. Silence. Surround them and those who love and care for them with your healing and love. We pray for those who work within NHS and other caring professions, give them the resources they need to care for others and for themselves. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, even as we pray now there are those journeying through death. We pray for them, for all who have recently died, and for all those who are grieving. Surround them with your love, comfort and peace. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, in a moment of stillness we offer our own prayers to God. Silence. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all that points us towards the beauty of your love and draws us closer to you. **Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's prayer

The peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**. Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.

Hymn: Will you come and follow me

We go out

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you. Go with us into the world. Go before us in all we do.

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you. We go in your name to love you and those we meet, and to be your light in the world. Amen

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit be yours this day and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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