



## Worship for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Welcome

Good morning and welcome to service on this Epiphany 3. 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 our generous God. Let us take a moment to still ourselves in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship this morning.

### 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.**

God in Christ has revealed his glory. **Come let us worship.**  
From the rising of the sun to its setting **the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**  
Give him praise, you servants of the Lord. **O praise the name of the Lord!**

### Hymn: Alleluia sing to Jesus

**Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayers of Penitence

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. *Silence.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on *us*, forgive *us our* sins, and bring *us* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collect for Epiphany 3

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Reading: Revelation 16: 6-10

### Hymn: Christ be our light

### Reading: John 2: 1-11

## 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: Dear Lord and father of mankind

## Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Through Jesus we are shown God's compassion and mercy; let us pray for that love in our lives, in the church and in the world. *Silence.*

Let compassion and mercy be the hallmarks of our church life and all its activities; let us be noticeable by their shining in our behaviours, our conversations, and actions. May the church be a vibrant sign of God's life in every generation and locality, serving, listening, and loving, with the face of ordinary people lit with the brightness of God. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let compassion and mercy take root in every institution, policy, and structure; let them challenge accepted wrongs and disturb complacency. We pray for the leaders of the world and all those in positions of authority, fill them with your wisdom, integrity, and grace. May peace, mercy, love, and justice mark our common life together and may all people work as one to protect the environment and create a world that is fair and safe for all people especially the vulnerable. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let compassion and mercy guard every doorway and fill every room; let them colour each encounter and drive every decision. We pray for our local community remembering especially those who have found this week particularly difficult and challenging surround them with your peace, may they find the love and support they need. We pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus, give us the strength, grace, and courage to support one another as we share kindness and build a better world. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let compassion and mercy transform our attitudes to all whose illness or frailty makes them marginalised, ignored, or despised. Let there be healing of all damaged self-perception, and restoration of jarred human dignity. In a moment of silence, we bring before you all those who are suffering whether in body, mind, or spirit. *Silence.* Surround them with your healing, comfort, and peace. We continue our prayers for the NHS and all those who care for others, give them the resources they need to care for others as well as for themselves. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let compassion and mercy accompany the dying and welcome them into eternity. We give thanks for the lives of all those who have recently died. We pray for those who mourn their passing and for all those who are grieving at this time, surround them with your comfort, strength, and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, we offer our own concerns to God. *Silence.* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let compassion and mercy blossom in all of us, as we live out our thankfulness to the God of love, for all his goodness to us. Merciful Father **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## The Lord's prayer

## The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. 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: Guide me oh thou great redeemer**

**We go out**

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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