



Worship for Sunday 7th February 2021

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the second Sunday before Lent. 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 incarnate 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.**

Praise the name of the Lord; **ascribe greatness to our God.**
Lord, open our lips **and we shall praise your name.**

Hymn: At the name of Jesus

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through 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.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the 2nd Sunday before lent

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

Hymn: Immortal, invisible God only wise

Reading: John 1: 1-14

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: Make me a channel of our peace

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

As we gather in the presence of the almighty, all-loving God, let us pray.

Holy God, may the whole Church honour and glorify your name in daily lives, private prayer and public worship. Wherever the sparkle of our vision and call has dulled, set us glowing once again at the very thought of you, and restore our longing to draw closer to you until our lives reflect your glory. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, may the whole world resound with your truth, activate your compassion, and be soaked in your peace. Wherever important decisions need to be made, wherever wrongs need righting and justice needs to be restored, breathe your wisdom and integrity, and let your kingdom come. Give all nations and people of our world such respect and love for creation that we learn to take proper responsibility for the resources we share and the universe we inhabit. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, may our homes and households make plenty of room for kindness and forgiveness; clear the clutter of discontent, and make us more thankful. Make us more aware of the needs around us and give us the courage and grace to respond. We remember those who are finding life difficult and challenging at this time and ask that you surround them with compassion, love, and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Here our prayer.**

Holy God, may all who ache with sadness or physical pain be comforted and cherished, knowing your love for them. We pray for all those who suffer whether in body, mind, or spirit and in a moment of silence we name before you any known to us. *Silence.* Surround them with your healing and peace. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died and in a moment of silence we name any known to us before you. *Silence.* We pray for those who are grieving particularly those who are struggling at this time bring to them your peace, comfort, and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God as we rest in your presence, we take a moment bring our own prayers and concerns to you. *Silence.* 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: Jesus is Lord! Creations voice proclaims it

We go out

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you and guide you on your way at every change and turn; and the blessing of God almighty, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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