



Church Alive Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

Epiphany 2 – 17th January 2021



(For the Zoom service:

Welcome to Zoom Church Alive.

We will meet at 11am and start the service at 11.05am. Please use MUTE on your computer at 11.05am for the service, especially wherever we are singing together, except in the sections where marked. If you'd like to say something at other times, please 'raise your hand' (you will find this in the Participants section) or type it in under 'chat' and it will appear on the screen.)

Today we hear about two friends who have an unexpected encounter with Jesus and initially react in very different ways. Together, Philip and Nathanael help each other to understand who Jesus is and they begin a journey that will redefine who they are.

Opening Song: Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord
<https://youtu.be/HZP8vuok9KY>

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:

We have come together into the presence of our Lord.

So, let us quieten our hearts and minds,

put aside our concerns and distractions.

Let us open ourselves to listen for God's voice,

for the word God has for his people.

Amen.

If you are able, and it is safe to do so, you might like to light your candle at this point as well and hold up your candle as we say our prayer together.

**All: Lord, we light this candle,
to remind us that you are the light of the world.
As we gather together in spirit,
make our voices ready to sing your praise;
our hearts open to receive your love
and our minds alive to your Spirit.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



We seek God's healing and forgiveness:

Lord, we come before you to say sorry. Sorry for all the times we've let you, ourselves and others down.
Silence is kept for a time.

Sometimes, Lord, we're so busy talking and doing that we fail to hear you. We miss the still small voice saying, 'Stop. Listen.' Help us to tune in to your voice.

Forgive us and help us.

Lord, as you use others to speak to us, so you use us to draw people to you. But speaking does not always require words. Lord, we're sorry when we pressurise others to conform to our ideas, or fail to listen and give others the space to draw closer to you.

Forgive us and help us.

Lord, as we spend these few moments in personal reflection, we ask you to speak to us. Show us anything for which we need to say sorry – and change our ways.

Forgive us and help us

We hear words assuring us of God's forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



Thanksgiving: A chance to give thanks for the difference that having a faith makes to our lives, and sharing times when we are thankful because of that.

Bible Reading Mark 1:4-11 Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael – New Living Translation

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come with me!” (⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, the town where Andrew and Peter lived.) ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and whom the prophets also wrote about. He is Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”

⁴⁶ “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” answered Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, he said about him, “Here is a real Israelite; there is nothing false in him!”

⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered, “I saw you when you were under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ “Teacher,” answered Nathanael, “you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “Do you believe just because I told you I saw you when you were under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than this!” ⁵¹ And he said to them, “I am telling you the truth: you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man.”

On Zoom - Talk

At Home - please use the separate Resources sheet.

Song: How Deep The Fathers Love

<https://youtu.be/c5bdzwuviDo>

Prayers

(On zoom - We will play a very short piece of music, during which you can add your prayers to the chat and then they will be included in the prayer time).

Today we might particularly pray for:

The gift of faith and how we might share that.

All those who have been or are affected by the COVID-19 virus; those suffering illness, those providing care and treatment, those seeking long-term solutions. for the swift and safe deployment of the vaccine

For the leaders of the nations as they deal with balancing health and economic pressures which will affect us all. We especially pray for the people of Brazil at this time

Our friends and families, especially those who finding it difficult as we go through this lockdown

Those we know who are sick or who need our prayers at this time.

All who have recently died and the families and friends that mourn them

All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Song: Bless The Lord O My Soul
<https://youtu.be/VedVxftFXeM>

Sending Out Prayer and Blessing

Lord, what we have learned this day – help us remember.
Teach us to recognise your voice.
Teach us how to see you in our lives and encounters.
Help us to give others space so that they may hear you too.
And the blessing...
Amen.

The Peace

Go in the light and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God



(On zoom - We share the peace with each other using sign language

Fellowship time – unmute. We will go around the group so that everyone has a chance to let us know how they are and any news they want to share).