

Church Alive

Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

Epiphany 3 – 24th January



(For the Zoom service:

Welcome to Zoom Church Alive.

You might like to have the following ready prepared with you for the service:

- *Drink and snack!*
- *Candle and matches/lighter*

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 are thinking about Jesus' invitation to us to follow him and how Jesus called to the fishermen; Simon (later called Peter), Andrew, James and John, while they were at work and they left their nets and followed him.

Opening Song: I Come With Joy <https://youtu.be/JAMBsrKteT0>

Call to Worship:

Let us come from our everyday and our routine

And meet with God – the one who made us.

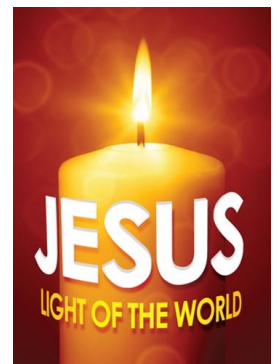
Loving Lord, we thank you that you meet us where we are,

Help us to respond to your invitation to be with you now.

Opening Prayer:

If you are able, and it is safe to do so, you might like to light a 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:

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

For the times we do or say wrong things which hurt others and ourselves.

Father, forgive us

For the times we are too busy or distracted to listen for your voice and to follow your call.

Father, forgive us

For the times we forget to share the good news with others.

Father, forgive us

We hear words assuring us of God's forgiveness

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

All Amen.

Thanksgiving: The fishermen were busy at work when they met Jesus. This unexpected interruption changed their lives. Have you had any unexpected moments in the last week which were a blessing and a gift from God? We often see interruptions as an annoyance but perhaps they can be a blessing and an opportunity to meet God?

Bible Reading – Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. ¹⁵ “The right time has come,” he said, “and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!”

¹⁶ As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew, catching fish with a net. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and went with him.

¹⁹ He went a little farther on and saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat getting their nets ready. ²⁰ As soon as Jesus saw them, he called them; they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went with Jesus.

On Zoom - Talk

At Home - please use the resources on the separate sheet.

Song: Take My Life and Let It Be <https://youtu.be/kJ6u42Dwp24>

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 pray for:

The gift of Jesus and his calling in our lives and the strength and comfort faith gives us.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

For those with covid and those caring for them, especially NHS staff in hospitals that are under pressure.

For the new president of the United States and his administration.

For those who are struggling with the national lockdown. For those who feel anxious, lonely or isolated.

For those grieving the death of loved ones.

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: God's Spirit Is In My Heart https://youtu.be/te_x0wcVPE

Sending Out Prayer and Blessing

Lord, as we continue our journey with you this week,
Keep our ears open to hear your call,
And help us to follow where you lead,
And the blessing...

Amen.

The Peace

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

(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.)