

Church Alive

Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

2nd before Lent – 7th February



(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 giving thanks for the greatness and glory of God and celebrating how God is the creator, who made all things and is the source of life.

Opening Song: How great is our God
<https://youtu.be/NB3do3Coz-o>

Call to Worship:

Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

**We come to offer thanks;
we come to sing and pray.**

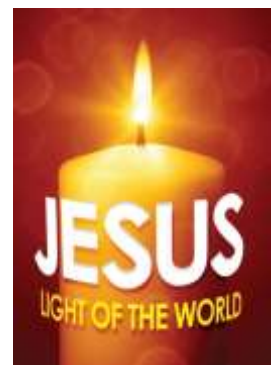
Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,
**A time to remember the holy promises of God
a time to remember those we love.**

Welcome, friends, let us worship God.
Lord, we praise your holy name together.

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 our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Father, forgive us

For our selfishness in not sharing the world's resources fairly

Father, forgive us

For our failure to love our neighbours.

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: What moments of joy or hope have you had this week that you would like to thank God for? Any moments of awe at God's greatness?

Bible Reading – John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** From the very beginning the Word was with God. **3** Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. **4** The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

6 God sent his messenger, a man named John, **7** who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light. **9** This was the real light—the light that comes into the world and shines on all people.

10 The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. **11** He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. **12** Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children. **13** They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father.

14 The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

On Zoom - Talk

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

Song: Sing of the Lord's goodness

<https://youtu.be/ezf5vJ0iDp8>

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:

We give thanks for the beauty of the natural world and the hope of springtime and lighter days.

We pray that world leaders will work to tackle climate change and people will make changes to their lifestyles to better care for our planet.

We pray for those with covid and those caring for them, and for all keyworkers.

We pray for the people of Myanmar, for a return to democratic rule and for peace and freedom there.

We pray for those who are struggling with the national lockdown and for those who feel anxious, lonely or isolated.

We pray for the souls of those who have died and for those grieving.

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: You shall go out with joy.

<https://youtu.be/-tq6ls1-0fs>

Sending Out Prayer and Blessing

Creator God,
inspire our hearts and minds in this week ahead
and let your light shine in us
that we may be beacons of your hope
and bearers of your love.

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.)