

Church Alive

Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

Lent 1 – 21st 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 is the first Sunday of the season of Lent and we journey with Jesus into the wilderness.

Opening Song: My Jesus, my Saviour <https://youtu.be/hEefQeBW3so>

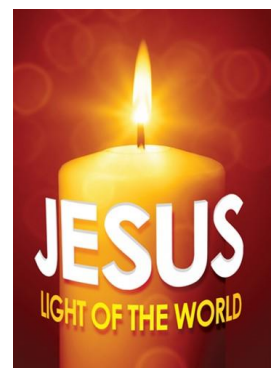
Gathering Prayer:

Loving God, thank you
for drawing us together to be your people.
Help us, as we meet together,
to see ourselves as you see us.
Give us faith to hear your words of love
beyond some of the hard realities of our lives.
May your Holy Spirit guide and inspire us
to recognise your presence in all we do.
Amen.

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.

Beloved Lord Jesus, you stepped from water to wilderness, from God's voice to the taunting voice of the enemy. In the wilderness of today's world, we face many enemies, many temptations. Forgive us for succumbing to selfishness, greed, anger, power.

Lord, forgive us.

Sometimes difficult times follow fast on the heels of one another. And it's hard to keep our focus on you. Forgive us when we wallow in selfish self-centredness, and fail to remember your promises.

Lord, forgive us.

Sometimes it's hard to see past our own struggles to the sufferings and injustices of our world. Forgive us for our failure to help those in need.

Lord, forgive us.

Lord, help us to remember that no matter what we're going through, you've been there before us. Whether we're swimming in the warm waters of your love, or journeying through the arid wilderness, help us not to lose sight of your hand guiding us to eternal glory.

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: When Jesus was at his lowest ebb in the wilderness angels came and waited on him. What moments of blessing have you had at hard times that you would like to thank God for?

Bible Reading – Mark 1:9-15

⁹ Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you."

¹² At once the Spirit made him go into the desert, ¹³ where he stayed forty days, being tempted by Satan. Wild animals were there also, but angels came and helped him.

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!"

Watch: [40 - A Video Of Jesus In The Wilderness - YouTube](#) pictures by Simon Smith.

On Zoom - Talk

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

Song: Seek ye first the kingdom of God <https://youtu.be/uNwjCHUJ9qI>

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:

Our keeping of Lent, for help to use this time to focus on what is really important in our lives.

Our brothers and sister in Christ, that we may all be renewed and strengthened in our faith during this season.

Our Bishops, Tim, Debbie and David, and for all churches in our diocese.

Those who are hungry and thirsty, those who are homeless, those who feel in a wilderness.

Those with covid and those caring for them, and for all keyworkers.

Children and Families as they prepare to begin homeschooling again tomorrow.

Those who are sick and those who feel anxious, lonely or isolated.

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: Guide me, O thou great redeemer https://youtu.be/Zf_aK6IB0Qo

Sending Out Prayer and Blessing

Creator God, you made us in your image
to be your people, wherever we go.
This coming week, whatever we experience,
wherever we find ourselves,
help us to know that you are with us –
guiding, revealing and sustaining – always.
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.)