



# Church Alive Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

Lent 2 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 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.)*

*Jesus is telling his disciples a difficult truth about what will happen to him in his death and resurrection, but Peter finds it hard to take, and argues with Jesus. Jesus sets out that God's ways are different from human nature: we must forget about our earthly desires and follow Jesus.*

**Opening Song:** Be Still For the Presence of the Lord

<https://youtu.be/HZP8vuok9KY>

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:**

Holy God, we come from our busy lives.

We often forget that you walk with us.

As we gather now, help us to be more aware of who you are.

Give us the courage to admit when we don't understand,  
so that we might grow more like you in all we do.

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.*

Forgive us when we have words of retaliation, insincerity and malice on our lips and act towards others in this way, Lord.; for not setting our minds on you and your ways.

**Forgive us and help us**

Forgive us when we are fearful of rejection and wary of being our true selves; help us to give of ourselves as you give.

**Forgive us and help us**

Forgive us for our failure to trust you; for not allowing you to be in the driving seat.

**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:** Sometimes it can be hard to accept a difficult truth. Can you think of a time when you have had to receive a difficult truth. How did we react? Were we thankful in the long run for hearing that truth?

Bible Reading - **Mark 8.31-38** Jesus Predicts His Death – New Living Translation

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. <sup>32</sup> As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.

<sup>33</sup> Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. “Get away from me, Satan!” he said. “You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

<sup>34</sup> Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. <sup>36</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? <sup>37</sup> Is anything worth more than your soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**On Zoom - Talk**

**At Home - please use the separate Resources sheet.**

**Song:** We Have A Gospel To Proclaim

<https://youtu.be/tQfZVFcVYKU>

**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:*

*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.*

*For our church here at St James as we work our way out of the restrictions and for churches in our deanery who are struggling to be able to make those decisions  
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.  
Prayers for our schools as they continue their preparations for all the children to return to school.  
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: In Christ Alone**

<https://youtu.be/jzOXLP1wyy4>

### **Sending Out Prayer and Blessing**

**We praise you, Lord Jesus, for being a teller of truth,  
a changer of lives, our friend and role model,  
and for inspiring us to trust you  
as we live out our discipleship today  
and in the week ahead  
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).***