

# Church Alive

## Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

### Lent 3 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021



*(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 what happened when Jesus visited the Temple in Jerusalem just before the Passover Festival. We will hear how he became angry at the devious dealers and money-changers and also how he spoke of his death and resurrection.*

**Opening Song: Great Is the Lord**

<https://youtu.be/ygh8G2Kb-u4>

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer:**

In the places where we live

**Gather us, O God**

Wherever we are, we meet in Your presence

**We gather to worship with praise and thanksgiving**

**Faithful Lord, whose word is life:**

**Come with saving power to free our praise,**

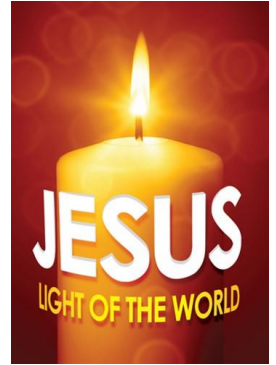
**Inspire our prayer and shape our lives**

**For the sake of Your kingdom here on earth**

**In Jesus name we pray: Amen**

*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 are insensitive and act greedily and think only of our own needs:

**O Lord, forgive**

For expressions of prejudice, narrow mindedness and times of resentment towards others:

**O Lord, forgive**

For acting impulsively and impatiently, for failing to listen to those different from ourselves:

**O Lord, forgive**

**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.

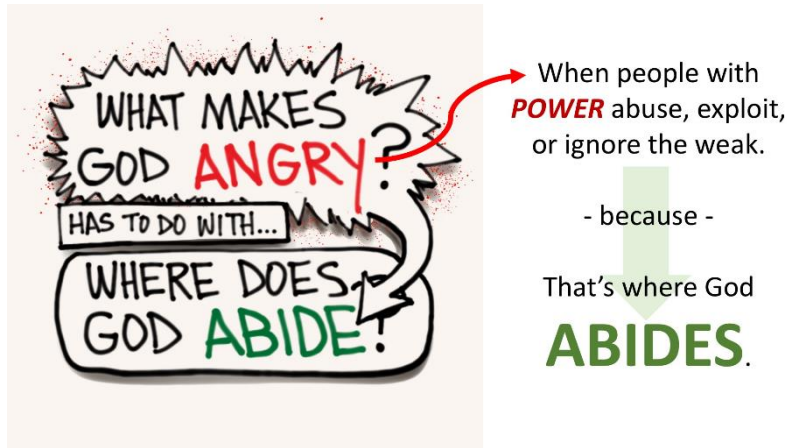
**All Amen.**

**Thanksgiving:**

Can you think of a situation where Christians have stood up and spoken out about discrimination or prejudice?

How might Christians show the world that it is wrong to exploit others?

Share and give thanks for the ways in which we can serve God and, following Jesus' example, live out our faith through encouraging and helping others who are experiencing persecution or injustice of any kind



### **Bible Reading: John 2:13-22 [Good News Translation]**

#### **Jesus Goes to the Temple**

<sup>13</sup> It was almost time for the Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins; <sup>16</sup> and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that the scripture says, "My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire."

<sup>18</sup> The Jewish authorities came back at him with a question, "What miracle can you perform to show us that you have the right to do this?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again."

<sup>20</sup> "Are you going to build it again in three days?" they asked him. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple!"

<sup>21</sup> But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body. <sup>22</sup> So when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what Jesus had said.

**On Zoom – Talk by Vicky**

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

**Song:** How Deep the Fathers Love for Us

<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 pray for:*

*All who are living under oppressive regimes, all who are exploited through the greed of others*

*That the day will come when resources will be fairly shared and all may worship without fear*

*All areas of the world marred by human misuse of creation*

*That we might all play our part, however small, in saving God's world for future generations*

*All working in education, those making decisions around returning to school safely*

*That staff will find the strength and the guidance they seek, and that God will be with the children and students as they rediscover the joy of learning together*

*All who suffer in body, mind or spirit and the bereaved, especially those affected by Covid*

*That they may know God's healing love and be comforted*

*That the souls of those who have died will rest safely in God's eternal kingdom*

**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:** All Over the World The Spirit is Moving

<https://youtu.be/uie6m0109k4>

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

**Lord Jesus,**

**When we are challenged – speak into our hearts and give us the strength to do your will**

**When we feel empty – remind us that your loving presence is not confined to one place**

**When we feel as if we are endlessly waiting – through the knowledge of your saving grace**

**grant us a strong faith and perseverance to keep on following you**

**Now and for ever: Amen**

*And let us share in saying the Grace together*

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, evermore: Amen**

**The Peace**

Go in peace to love

**In the name of Christ.**



and serve the Lord

**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. )***