



Church Alive Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

Easter 6 – 9th May 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 encourages the disciples to keep his commandments and, above all, to love one another as he loved them. He says that those who do this are his friends and he emphasises that this is his choice rather than theirs.

Opening Song: Let There Be Love Shared Among Us

https://youtu.be/vRhV3j_9gh4

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:

Jesus said: 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' So, let us join together as friends, Jesus' friends, to worship and serve the one who, because of his great love, gave his all for us.

Lord Jesus, we come from separate houses.

It may be that we come together alone or with families,

but we all come as neighbours and friends

We come as different but equal.

We come to worship you, our 'Ultimate Friend',

and to commit ourselves afresh

to one another and to you.

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.

Dear Lord, your love is so precious; but we have turned away from you when our lives have been easy
Forgive us and help us to turn back to you.

You have commanded us to love others; but we have turned away from them when their lives have been difficult

Forgive us and help us to be there for them.

You have shared with us your ministry of welcome; but we have turned people away

Forgive us and help us always to be open to them.

We hear words assuring us of God's forgiveness

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



Thanksgiving: Love is the greatest gift we have to give and receive. Think of some times when you received the greatest amount of love and also what sacrifices might you have made for your love of someone or Jesus.

Bible Reading – **John 20:19-end** Jesus appears to the Disciples Good New Bible

⁹ I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

¹¹ "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. ¹³ The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. ¹⁴ And you are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. ¹⁷ This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

On Zoom - Talk

At Home - please use the separate Resources sheet.

Song: How Deep The Father's 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 particularly pray for:

For all those whom we love and who we are thankful for.

For the love that is given to us so freely from God

For those who are fearful to show love or feel unloved.

For the love of our fellow Christians and family of Christ, in our church, in our work and in our homes

For those whose love for others is revealed in the work that they do.

For all those unwell at this time, may they be surrounded by love to comfort, strengthen and heal them .

For all those whom we have loved but see no longer

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: This Is Amazing Grace
https://youtu.be/_OoB8c1ZrkY

Sending Out Prayer and Blessing

Lord Jesus, we rejoice
that you have chosen us to be your friends.
Help us to be a friend to you by obeying your commands.
As we go out into your world,
help us to live a life that reflects your love,
by being a friend to others
And with 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).*

