

# 11am Church Alive

## Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

### Trinity 2 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021



*(For the Zoom service:*

*Welcome to Zoom Church Alive.*

*You might like to have the following ready prepared with you for the service:*

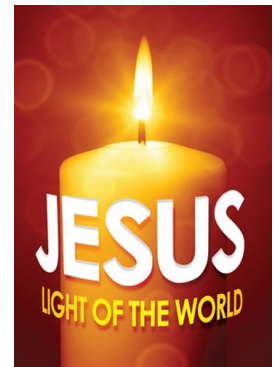
- *Drink and snack!*
- *Candle and matches/lighter*

*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. )*

**Opening Song:** How great is our God [How Great Is Our God - YouTube](#)

*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:***

God of all,  
you do not force growth but nurture it.  
**Forgive us when we want too much too soon.**  
You do not start big but start small.  
**Forgive us when we want too much too soon.**  
You do not sow greedily but graciously.  
**Forgive us when we want too much too soon.**  
You do not hurry the harvest but hallow it.  
**Forgive us when we want too much too soon.**  
Forgive us, and accept the work of our hands,  
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**Living God,**  
from a mustard seed to a tree, from I to we, in you we grow.  
By faith and not by sight, by day and by night, in you we grow.  
Forgiven and freed, through word and deed, in you we grow.  
As we sow and reap, as we laugh and weep, in you we grow.  
May your kingdom come, Father, Spirit, Son, as in you we grow. Amen.

*We hear words assuring us of God's forgiveness:*

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that as our good shepherd you laid down your life so that we might be forgiven. May we receive your forgiveness today. Keep us within your flock, help us to listen to and follow you; for you are the gate to all you would wish us to be and do. **Amen.**

**Thanksgiving:** Our faith starts as a tiny seed and as we open ourselves up to God it can grow and grow as God is at work in our lives. What particular people, places, moments or verses of scripture etc have helped your faith grow. We thank God for them today.

### **Bible Reading: Mark 4:26-35**

#### *The Parable of the Growing Seed*

<sup>26</sup> Jesus went on to say, "The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his field. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens. <sup>28</sup> The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the head, and finally the head full of grain. <sup>29</sup> When the grain is ripe, the man starts cutting it with his sickle, because harvest time has come.

#### *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

<sup>30</sup> "What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?" asked Jesus. "What parable shall we use to explain it? <sup>31</sup> It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. <sup>32</sup> After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> Jesus preached his message to the people, using many other parables like these; he told them as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He would not speak to them without using parables, but when he was alone with his disciples, he would explain everything to them.

### **On Zoom – Talk by Vicky**

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

**Song:** Seek ye first [Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God - YouTube](#)

**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 the leaders of the G7 countries meeting in Cornwall. For cooperation and wisdom in tackling the covid pandemic, climate change and a vision for all to flourish across the world especially the most vulnerable.*

*For God's kingdom to grow and for us to play our part through our words and actions.*

*For our Bishops, Tim, David and Debbie and for discernment for the way forward for the diocese.*

*For charities and their work in supporting those in crisis, those who are hungry or displaced by war.*

*For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, for the dying and the bereaved, for comfort and strength.*

*For the souls of those who have died that they may 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:** Will you come and follow me [Will you come and follow me - YouTube](#)

### **Final Prayer and Blessing**

Living God,  
open our eyes to the goodness of your creation. (*look around*)  
Help us to care for it like a gardener (*mime digging*)  
with times for planting, watering, harvesting and rest. (*mime each one*)  
Help us to live in the rhythms of nature, (*quietly tap a slow rhythm*)  
treading lightly (*gentle 'on the spot' steps*)  
and hearing your voice call softly in the evening. (*hand behind ear, listening*).  
**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. )*