

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Service of Prayer and Praise

Sunday 17th January 2021

Please join us after this service on Zoom for fellowship and conversation.

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The Greeting

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
All We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Call to Worship

God whispers to each of us:
you are my beloved,
created in love for love.
**All My spirit answers,
Here I am, Lord.
Speak to me anew.**

God breathes on us the Holy Spirit,
knitting many members into one body,
the body of Christ.
**All Together we answer,
Here we are Lord.
Come, Holy Spirit.**

God has yet more vision for the people.
Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom
into our hurting world?
**All Here we are Lord.
Empower us for your work.**

God calls the small, and helps them do great things.
God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts.
God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.
All Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.

Then let us gather, old and young, small and great,
to dream God's dreams,
receive God's power,
and do God's deeds.

All **Here we are Lord.**
Shine the light of your love on us.
Kindle your Spirit within us.
Work your redeeming will in us,
that all the world may be one
through the power of your love.
Amen.

Musical Meditation – O Lamb of God (to the tune Repton)

Time of Confession

All **Holy God,**
we confess that we do not always love our neighbour.
We confess that we have despised others,
even to the point of hatred.
We confess that we have been hurt by others.
We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times
are just impossible for us.
We know that nothing is impossible in You.
We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us.
Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others,
to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.
For Your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed and denied,
abused and put to death.
He rose again,
and came with the message of peace to those
who had denied him and abandoned him.
May we walk in his ways.

For nothing is impossible with God.
There is no place you can go,
no end of the earth you can run,
where God cannot find you.
There is nothing on earth or beyond death
that can separate you from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You are forgiven.
You are loved.
You are reconciled to God.
Go and live with the love of God.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**All Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Old Testament Reading – 1 Samuel 3.1-10

¹The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsive Prayer based on Psalm 139

God of mystery and of power,
nothing is hid from you, to you all things are plain.

All Give us grace, O Lord, to hear your word and see your hand.

Your might and your strength are beyond all comparison.
Your love is greater than words can say.

All Give us grace, O Lord, to hear your word and see your hand.

You call us Lord to a closer walk with you. You guide us into the paths that you have chosen in your wisdom..

All Give us grace, O Lord, to hear your word and see your hand.

Keep us from fleeing your presence.

Make us responsive to your loving call.

All Give us grace, O Lord, to hear your word and see your hand.

Gospel Reading – John 1.43-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn – All hail the power of Jesus name

All All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
*and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.*

Let every tribe and every race
who heard the freedom call,
in liberation, see Christ's face,
*and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.*

Let every people, every tongue
to him their heart enthral:
life high the universal song
*and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.*

Prayers of Intercession

Between each petition:

Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

When we have prayed together, we say the Lord's Prayer:

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace.

Church Notices

Worship Song – *I offer my life* (Performed by Sara, Mike and Claire)

Lord, I offer my life to You.
Everything I've been through,
Use it for Your glory.
Lord, I offer my days to You,
Lifting my praise to You
As a pleasing sacrifice.
Lord, I offer You my life. *(Repeat)*

Things in the past,
Things yet unseen,
Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true,
All of my hopes
And all of my plans,
My heart and my hands are lifted to You.

And Lord, I offer my life to You.
Everything I've been through,
Use it for Your glory.
Lord, I offer my days to You,
Lifting my praise to You,
As a pleasing sacrifice.
Lord, I offer You my life.

Instrumental

And Lord, I offer my life to You.
Everything I've been through,
Use it for Your glory.

Lord, I offer my days to You,
Lifting my praise to You,
As a pleasing sacrifice.
Lord, I offer You my life.
Lord, I offer You my life.

God, You Are Calling

Gentle and patient
All God, you are calling.

Careful and persistent
All God, you are calling.

In grieving and in praise
All God, you are calling.

Through dawn and midday
All God, you are calling.

Unexpected and planned
All God, you are calling.

In a still small voice and in power
All God, you are calling.

Spontaneous and prepared
All God, you are calling.

Willing or protected
All God, you are calling.

Our God is eager to share with us,
wherever we are in our journey.
May we be diligent to listen.
All God, you are calling.

Final Blessing

**All Great God, you are one God,
and you bring together what is scattered
and mend what is broken.
Unite us with the scattered peoples of the earth
that we may be one family of your children.**

**Bind up all our wounds,
heal us in spirit,
and let us hear your call on our lives
that we may be renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ,
our Master and Saviour.**

And so the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Let us go in peace.

**All We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.
Thanks be to God!**

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