

# Sunday Morning Worship

17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

*The Second Sunday after The Epiphany*



*Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.  
Join in with us at home by using this service sheet.*

*"O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and  
my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar."*

*Psalm 139:1*

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Worship – His mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord!

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord!

His mercy is more

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Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
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Confession

*The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.*

Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,

through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done  
and by what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Kids Slot  
Psalm 139: 1-6, 11-16

Affirmation of Faith

*We hear these words of faith and belief and affirm them in our hearts:*

Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:  
for by his will they were created  
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:  
for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
**Amen.**

Bible Reading  
Sermon

Collect of the Day

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

*Prayers and Intercessions*

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

Gracious God,  
You are a good God,  
Your nature is always to have mercy;  
a God of constant patience, love and forgiveness.

Loving Father,  
You have shown us grace throughout our lives;  
forgiving and renewing us, even when we wander away from You.  
You keep on reaching out to us, even when we have turned our backs on You.  
You love each of us as we are, and not for what we might become.  
You have gone the whole way for us through Jesus Christ, offering Your life in Him  
for the life of the world.

Lord God,  
forgive us our feeble faith.  
Forgive us for caring so little about You, so little about others, and for caring too  
much about ourselves.  
Forgive us for the times we turn faith into something we receive, rather than  
something we share.  
Lord, teach us to respond by loving You and others.

Jesus, our Risen King,  
help us to live more truly as Your people.  
Give us eyes to see the needs of others – the poor, the sick, the homeless, the  
oppressed, the lonely, the weak and the sorrowful.  
Lord, teach us to respond by loving You and others.

Our Loving Heavenly Father,  
give us hearts set fully and truly on You and on Your good gifts.  
Help us to see the beauty of Your creation and all that is in it.  
Open our eyes to the countless blessings and the abundant riches You have so  
freely given.

May we truly live for You, for Your Glory and Your Kingdom in all that we think and do and say.

Lord, teach us to respond by loving You and others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of Your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Let's say together:

**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.**

*Closing Worship – He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

*Closing Prayer and Blessing*

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now may the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times and in every way.  
The Lord be with you all;  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**