

Sunday Morning Worship

24th January 2021

The Third 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.*

*"Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; for in him is my hope. He alone is my
rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.."*

Psalm 62:5

Opening Prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Worship – Be Still and Know (Hymn 608)

Be still and know that I'm your God,
Be still and know that I'm your God,
Be still and know that I'm your God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
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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.

Please join in with the response to 'Father, forgive us' -

Save us and help us.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

Absolution

Kids Slot
Psalm 62: 5-12

Affirmation of Faith

If you are able please stand as we affirm our faith:
We join together to say:
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Bible Reading – Mark 1:14-20
Sermon

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers and Intercessions

Loving God,

we remember today that from the beginning
the Good News of Jesus Christ was not just for a few,
but for all.

You made it known to shepherds
tending their flocks by night,
ordinary, everyday people
pursuing their daily life and work,
unlikely yet special representatives
of your chosen people.

You made it known also to wise men from the East,
strangers living far away,
with no knowledge of you,
and regarded by many at the time
as having no part in your promises.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God,

for the truth this symbolises –
that there is no outside your love and purposes,
that the message of the Gospel transcends all barriers,
that you want to bring light to all corners of the world.

For the fact that we are part of your great purposes –
heirs of the promise made to Abraham,
members of the great company of your people,
called to proclaim the gospel to those around us.

For the knowledge that your light continues to shine –
despite opposition,
persecution,
and rejection by so many.

For the way so many have followed the example of Jesus
and responded to your call –
living a life of faithful witness to our Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Loving God,
you have made your light shine in our hearts.
Help us to show our thankfulness
by walking in the path you lay before us,
and by showing that light to those around us,
to the glory of your name.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We take a moment now to offer to our Lord and Saviour our own prayers,
remembering before Him all we know are in need of Him today...

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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 – Let this Day be Holy (Hymn 55)

Let this day be holy;
Lord, accept my prayer,
and the thanks offer

for a Father's care.
Bless the bread you give me,
for my food today:
for the strength it brings me,
in your words I pray.

Let my rest be holy,
angels watching near;
send good thoughts, and keep me
safe from harm and fear.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord...

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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