

# WORSHIP - 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY - 17 JANUARY 2021

*Today we are back with no physical services in our churches, but we still meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.*

**Hymn - Alleluia, sing to Jesus - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2O\\_b\\_aqrPw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2O_b_aqrPw)**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our 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. 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.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

## The 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. Amen.

Old Testament reading - 1 Samuel 3.1-20 - *is printed on the blue noticessheet*

Hymn - I come with joy, a child of God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpBs0b8Nnzs>

Gospel - John 1.43-51 - *is printed on the blue noticessheet*

Address - *+Libby has written a sermon which is on the church website.*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Anthem – The Call – Music: Richard Lloyd, Words George Herbery**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAnWzyOMBwg>

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move:  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

**Prayers of Intercession** - led by Dot Jackson-Lawer

Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with your spirit. Help us to listen to your voice, just as Samuel did in our reading today. Help us to be ready to accept your calling, no matter how big or small, and be ready and have courage to respond as you would want us to.  
Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we are so grateful for all those who are battling with the challenges posed by the rapid spread of the new coronavirus. They truly have answered their call... to care for the sick, lonely, isolated, marginalized and fearful. We pray for the continued resilience of our frontline and key workers... may they feel your presence and love as they selflessly work each long day....so we can eat, we are kept safe ... while they cope with the real difficulties we are not exposed to.  
Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, as people are having to adjust to being at home again and adhering to stricter rules, we ask for your guidance in our new realities. While it may be heartbreaking, comfort families as they decide to keep their distance from elderly relatives or shield from other high risk family members. Prompt worn out parents to speak words of kindness and encouragement to their children. Help children and young people find creative ways to experience the beauty of what you have created and to continue learning as best as they can.  
Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, in amongst the gloom and chaos of the world right now, let us remember you are always with us, touch

and heal all those whose lives have been affected by this global crisis, especially those who rely on charitable organizations. Guide us to give and share what we can, to help 'our neighbour's' and ease their burdens. Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

Father God, place your blessing on new life entering our world, each day new parent's anxiously and excitedly welcome their babies. Give them strength to nourish, protect and enjoy their precious time together. Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for our world leaders, to make just and careful decisions for the benefit and peace of all your people. Now more than ever we need to communicate and act collaboratively, to do what is right to save our planet, protect habitats and help future generations. Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we ask that you comfort all those who are suffering in body, mind and spirit. Hold in your embrace all those who seek your love and comfort. Remember in your mercy all those who have gone before us, we give thanks for the lives of those we know who have passed. We pray that the light of the world will break through the darkness, to reveal to us the continuation of your promise and a place in your eternal kingdom of heaven. Lord in your mercy....**Hear our prayer.**

Finally, Lord, we thank you for us all staying connected, our worship may have changed but our faith has not, give us courage and strength to see signs of hope, renew our spirits and fill us with your peace. We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Hymn - Will you come and follow me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zk6IUaJJ3sk>

### **The Blessing**

The God all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final music - Prelude in Classic Style, Gordon Young - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGg5IqoLMXg>

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