
Cam Villages Service of Morning Prayer, 10 am

Second Sunday of Epiphany, January 17th 2021

The Gathering

We intend to record this Zoom service. We will record on 'speaker view', so only the speaker should be seen. However, if you don't want to be filmed then please turn off your camera. This means no one can see you but you will be able to see the service and participate normally.

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence.

All that we may behold your power and glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. In your tender compassion the dawn from on high is breaking upon us to dispel the lingering shadows of night.

As we look for your coming among us this day, open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to do your will, that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Welcome and notices

First Hymn: 359 Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun led by the choir.

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings of His Name.

3 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The pris'ners leaps to lose their chains;

The weary find eternal rest,
And all the humble poor are blessed.

4 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like incense shall arise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All Amen.

Zoom link details

Please email Website.CamVillages@gmail.com to request the meeting details.

We have set up a virtual giving plate to go with this virtual service. It is very convenient to use, just type the following into your web-browser:

<https://bit.ly/wendenchurch>

Alternatively, a link can be found on the "This Week" page on www.camvillages.org.uk

The Grapevine can be found by typing the following into your web browser or going to the "This Week" page on www.camvillages.org.uk and click on the image of the Grapevine newsletter.

https://www.camvillages.org.uk/Groups/321990/Grapevine_Newsletter.aspx

Confession

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives.
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

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

All save us and help us.

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

All save us and help us.

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

All save us and help us.

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

All save us and help us.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive *us our* sins
and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 139: 1-12 The leader in church (C) says the odd number verses and those at home (H) say the even ones.

C: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

H: You know when I sit down ___and when I rise up; _____you discern my thoughts from far away.

C: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

H: Even before a word is on my tongue, _____O Lord, you know it completely.

C: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

H: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; _____it is so high that I cannot attain it.

C: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

H: If I ascend to heaven, you are there;_____ if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

C: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

H: even there your hand shall lead me, _____and your right hand shall hold me fast.

C: If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',

H: even the darkness is not dark to you;_____ the night is as bright as the day, _____for darkness is as light to you.

Old Testament Reading from 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 read by Jan Menell.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Brief comments on the reading

New Testament Reading from Revelation 5:1-10 read by Sheila Chambers.

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

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Gospel Reading from John 1: 43-end read by Claire Durrant.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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Reflections on today's scriptures by Alan Curren.

Second hymn 227 God of mercy, God of Grace sung by the choir.

1 God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill Thy Church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend,
Unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King,

At Thy feet their tribute pay,
And Thy holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Earth shall then her fruits afford,
God to us His blessing give,
We to God devoted live;
All below and all above
One in joy and light and love.

The Creed

With the whole church

All We affirm that we are made in God's image, ___ befriended by Christ, ___ empowered by the spirit

With people everywhere

All We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, ___ planted more deeply than all that is wrong

With all creation

All: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, ___ the unfolding purposes of God forever at work
___ in ourselves and in the world.

From Iona Worship book

Prayers of Intercession led by Sam Slota-Newson

Silence may be kept.

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 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

Final Hymn 49 As with gladness, men of old sung by the choir.

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to Thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger-bed,
there to bend the knee before
Him whom hea'en and earth adore:
so may we with willing feet
ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3 As their precious gifts they laid,
at Thy manger roughly made,
so may we with holy joy
pure and free from sin's alloy,

all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly king.

4 Holy Jesu, e'ery day
keep us in the narrow way,
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last:
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light
Thou, its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou, its sun which goes not down;
therefore, ever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

The Conclusion

Jesus, Son of God, our true and only Saviour: you died like a criminal on a cross;
but you are God who forgives.
Once broken, helpless and in pain, you are God in whom there is hope.
You have shown us a love beyond words: give us your forgiveness, hope and love.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you for ever

All Amen

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.