

Worship for Sunday 17th January 2021 Epiphany 2

Come, See, Hear

Call to worship

We have come together in the presence of our Lord.
So let us quieten our hearts and minds,
Put aside our concerns and distractions.
Let us open ourselves to listen for God's voice,
For the word God has for his people

Hymn Bless the Lord O my soul <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSxocnIaNOA>

Prayers

Come, let us worship the Lord who made us,
who knows our every thought before it's formed.
See the one from whom nothing is hidden – hear him speak.
Come let us worship and listen.

Creator God, how awesome you are!
Our lives were known to you before we came into being.
Marvellous Lord
Everything we do, think and say – you know about.

Such infinite wonder!
Eternal loving Lord,
Ever helping us to be more like you.

How awesome you are, glorious Lord.
Everywhere we go your hand is with us,
Always guiding and
Revealing your blessings – as we praise, listen and act.

A prayer of confession

Lord, we come before you to say sorry. Sorry for all the times we've let you, ourselves and others down.
Sometimes, Lord, we are so busy talking and doing that we fail to hear you. We miss the still small voice saying, 'Stop, listen.' Lord we are sorry for being too busy to hear you. Lord you speak in so many different ways but we fail to hear and go our own way. Help us to tune into your voice.
And Lord, as you use others to speak to us, so you use us to draw others to you. But speaking doesn't always require words. People look at what we do and we are sorry if we let you down.

Let's spend a few moments in the quietness and ask God to speak to us and to help us change our ways.

Lord we lift our confessions to you, in your precious name. And we thank you that we don't have to earn your forgiveness – it is freely given through Christ Jesus and by grace our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Amen

Reading 1 Samuel 3:1 – 10

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Samuel%203%3A1-10&version=NIV>

Hymn Dear Lord and Father of mankind <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4KnlQwzI3Y>

Reading John 1, 43 – 51

We hear of two friends who have an unexpected encounter with Jesus and initially react in different ways. Philip and Nathaniel help each other to understand who Jesus is and begin a journey that will define who they are.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%201%3A43-51&version=NIV>

Reflection

Mrs Joy Barnes reflects on our theme.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6t2023qvp3ypavi/Joy%2017th%20Jan%202021.mov?dl=0>

Hymn From the breaking of the dawn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMuq5z1uaMo>

Prayers for Others

Jesus, Son of God, we pray for each other:

- for those who hold power to make a difference in the lives of the poor and the voiceless.....
- for those with the responsibility to make decisions for us as a country and as individuals.....
- for all key workers keeping our country going in this period of lockdown.....
- for our families and friends and those we are relying on at this time.....

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for our church, unable to meet together in person but nevertheless together in spirit

- for those we feel called to share the good news with.....
- for those who are struggling with loneliness.....
- for those working from home and those who are furloughed.....
- for parents as they try and engage with home teaching and their own work.....
- for our children and young people.....

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for those who are unwell that they may be restored to health and well being.....

- for those who are bereaved.....
- for those who are anxious and afraid.....

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

And Jesus we pray for ourselves. Bring us comfort and peace in these troubled times and help us to reach out to others who need our help and support.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Our Father, who art in heaven.....

Hymn Will you come and follow me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnXOEUS7BBM>

Blessing Irish Blessing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUb6YDxuFyU>

Resources: Roots material; John for Everyone by Tom Wright; The Gospel of John by William Barclay;

Poem by K Gire - Hearing God in Everyday Moments