



All Saints', Hertford

ALL THE CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE



Second Sunday of Epiphany, 17th January 2021

'Discipleship'

We say together the words printed in bold.

Gathering to worship God

Loving Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way and called us to follow you.
Teach us what it means to be a disciple,
and equip us for your service.

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our father

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

Hymn

We sing together- ***Just as I am*** (Please mute yourself!)

Opening prayer

**Lord, direct our thoughts,
and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you
in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen,**

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 forever.

Confession

Let us remember that we often forget to love you God and to love other people as we should and we say sorry.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**All Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The president declares God's forgiveness

May the God of love and power forgive us
And free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

John 1: 43-51 *Helen Briggs*

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

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 toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get 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."

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Reflection

Anthem - Come my way, my truth, my life – *Vaughan Williams*

David, Fiona & Hazel Ford – recorded May 2020 in their home

Affirmation of Faith

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

Let us declare our faith in God

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Ephesians 3

Prayers of Intercession – Rev Jo Loveridge

Response – God of love **Hear our prayer**

Concludes with

Lord of the Church, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 it is 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.

Hymn

We sing together – ***Will you come and follow me?*** (Please mute yourself!)

Going out to serve God

Heavenly Father, may we live in faith and fellowship, walk in love and be renewed in hope, until your world reflects your glory and you are known to all.

Blessing

May the love of God enfold us; may the mercy of God absolve us;
May the strength of God support us; may the peace of God console us;
And may blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and forever. **Amen**

Dismissal

We say the Grace together:

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen



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