

# Morning Service 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

*Welcome to today's worship from Cudham and Downe, online online due to covid19. I'm Rev John Musson, vicar...*

*You'll find the words of the service on the church website [pcd.org.uk](http://pcd.org.uk), or if watching on youtube, why not pause now and turn auto subtitles on! There are moments for you to join in with if you would like to, and a couple of worship songs you can sing along with wherever you are.*

*Today we hear about Jesus calling people to follow him. What was true then remains true for us today.*

## The Greeting and opening prayer

Let us come from our everyday and our routine  
and meet with God – the one who made us,  
and who gave us our daily bread  
through the week just gone.

Our first prayer has some actions for you to join in with:- Please jump up as you say 'we are!'

*All sit down.*

Are you ready if Jesus calls?

*Everyone jumps up and says: **We are!***

*All sit down again.*

Are you ready to be daring and different in Jesus' name?

*All jump up: **We are!***

We are ready to be Jesus' friends and disciples.

**Amen.**

Father God,  
we thank you for the amazing stories of the disciples  
leaving everything to follow your Son.  
Thank you that you invite us to follow him too.

**Amen.**

Thanks to Kevin for playing our worship songs today. Feel free to sing along at home, or if not, reflect on the words which will appear on the screen.

**Song – Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice**

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice  
You became nothing, poured out to death  
Many times I've wondered  
at your gift of life  
And I'm in that place once again  
I'm in that place once again  
And once again I look upon  
the cross where you died  
I'm humbled by your mercy  
and I'm broken inside  
Once again I thank you  
Once again I pour out my life.

Now you are exalted to the highest place  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow  
But for now I marvel at your saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again  
Full of praise today  
I'm full of praise once again  
And once again I look upon the cross where you died  
I'm humbled by your mercy  
and I'm broken inside  
Once again I thank you  
Once again I pour out my life  
Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross, my friend.

Often we fail to hear God's voice, and even when we do, we choose to go our own way, and make wrong choices. Yet we have a God who is ready to hear us when we come to him again to ask his forgiveness. Let's do that now...

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

The Lord Jesus calls people to follow him. Often even if we've said 'yes', we act as if we've said 'no'. Let's spend a moment in quiet thinking about the times we've said 'no' to God through our words and deeds.

Lord Jesus, you came proclaiming the good news of God,  
and endured the cross through love for us.  
Through your sacrifice, we are forgiven.  
May we share this good news  
– so that others will know your loving freedom in their lives.  
**Amen.**

The prayer for today, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany...  
God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Now Zoe is going to bring us our bible reading – Mark 1:1-14; then we hear from Rach what this reading might mean for us today

(vid)

Thanks Zoe and Rach – Lots for us to think about this week. As Rach said, you can ask questions and make comments on our facebook and youtube feeds, or why not join us Wednesday evening at 8pm for our homegroup via zoom?

## **The Creed**

Now let's declare our faith in God.

**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.**

Now Kim and John lead us in our prayers of intercession:- (vid)

How might God be calling you to follow him – what might you need to leave behind, what gets in the way? Ask God to help you follow Jesus this week, the Jesus who gave his life for us. Here's a closing song again played by Kevin. (vid)

## **HYMN – servant king**

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, your glory veiled;**

**Not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we might live.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

**There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

**Come, see his hands and his feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

**So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

Here's a closing prayer I invite you to join in with

**Loving Lord,  
thank you that you meet us where we are,  
in the middle and muddle of our daily lives.  
Help us to hear your call,  
to recognise your voice,  
and to respond to your invitation  
to follow you whatever we might be doing.  
Amen.**

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. Next Sunday mornings service at 10.30am is via zoom, so if you'd like to join us, please send us a message. The church website is [pcd.org.uk](http://pcd.org.uk)*

*Please also contact me, Rev John Musson or Rev Rach Archer if you need any help or just for a chat! [vicar@pcd.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pcd.org.uk) 01959540012*

**Here's a closing prayer of Blessing**

When opportunity beckons: be bold.

When Jesus calls: be ready.

When we are asked to do something different: be prepared.

And so may the blessing of God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**