

## **Morning Worship for 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

*As we begin this act of worship let us remember all those not able to be with us who are joining us in their own homes, we remember that there are many friends who are doing the same and are joining with us in worship. Although we will not be having hymns in church for those of you at home If you have you-tube then please find an appropriate version of the suggested hymns and join in the singing on-line. As you go through this time of worship try to remember this reality; you are in the presence of God who holds us all in His care and keeping.*

### **The Greeting:**

**This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.  
I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem,  
Coming down out of heaven from God,  
Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
And I heard a great voice from the throne, saying,  
Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,  
And God himself will be with them.  
Behold, I make all things new;  
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.  
To the thirsty I will give water as a gift  
From the spring of the water of life.**

### **Collect for the day:**

Almighty God,  
Whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
The wonder of your saving presence:  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
And in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.**

## **Our Declaration of faith**

**All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
For great in your midst is the Holy One.**

**Behold, God is my salvation,  
I will trust and will not be afraid;  
For the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
And has become my salvation.  
With joy you will draw water  
From the wells of salvation.  
On that day you will say,  
Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;  
Make known his deeds among the nations,  
Proclaim that his name is exalted.  
Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously,  
Let this be known in all the world.  
Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion,  
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

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For great in your midst is the Holy One.**

*Isaiah 12: 2-6*

**Hymn:** Lord, thy word abideth.

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**Readings:** Genesis 14: 17-20, Revelation 19: 6-10.

**Hymn:** O for a thousand tongues to sing.

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**Gospel Reading:** John 2: 1-11.

**Reflection:** This will be delivered by the Leader in church.

(For those at home a reflection will be sent through separately by Clive.)

**Hymn:** O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray.

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Prayers for others: This morning let us pause for prayer for so many people and for so many situations.

**We come boldly to the throne of grace,**

**Praying to the almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Heavenly Father, as we pray today for your Church, we pray that we guided by your Holy Spirit may find the strength and confidence we need to continue to serve you and others in your name. We pray at this time of continued turmoil for clearer guidance on how best to worship and how best to care for one another alongside those in the communities which surround us.**

**As we pray together recognising our Lord's first miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana, we pray today for all those couples who have had to postpone their weddings hoping at some point for a relaxation of current restrictions. We pray for those still hoping to be married in the Spring and the Summer of this new year, that we may be able to rejoice with them surrounded by their families and friends.**

**We pray as we engage with yet another period of isolation from our own family and friends that you may bless us and keep us in good spirits. We pray for all who are struggling with their mental health, all whose lives have been torn apart, and especially for all who find themselves lost, lonely and afraid. May the power of your love wash over them and bring them a little hope and comfort in these difficult and demanding days.**

**Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer at this time, especially those in hospital, or receiving care in their own homes. We pray for the NHS and all caring professionals, all who are anxious, distressed, frustrated and depressed due to our present life restrictions, and for all whose health, wellbeing, livelihood and financial security are so adversely affected at this time. May all who are currently struggling, persevere in the hope that things may soon change and their present difficulties be resolved.**

**Finally Holy Father, we hold before you all who mourn the loss of loved ones, for all those who now face this New Year alone, for those mourning loved ones lost in years gone by and for all who mourn the loss of those who have in so many different ways inspired them in their own lives. May the memories which they treasure be ever in their hearts bringing them glimpses of joy in their times of sadness.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and 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.**

**Amen.**

And so we pray

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.

**Hymn:** Forth in the peace of Christ we go.

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**A Song of Solomon:**

**Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it**

**Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;  
For love is strong as death passion fierce as the grave;  
Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.  
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.  
If all the wealth of our house were offered for love,  
It would be utterly scorned.**

**Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.**

**Blessing:**

May God the Son,  
Who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,  
Transform your lives and make glad your hearts.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**