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A FRESH START (4) THE WORD BECAME FLESH JOHN 1:1 - 14

24th January 2021



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WELCOME AND NOTICES

- Zoom prayer evening Tuesday 26th January at 19:30 (see service sheet for joining instructions)
- Next week 5th Sunday giving is for John Aves education project in Bethlehem



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul writes about Christ, 'For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells in bodily form' (Colossians 2:9)

O COME LET US ADORE HIM



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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come rejoicing in your presence, for your love is stronger than death, your mercy reaches from the heavens to the very depths, and your kindness is seen in your grace in Jesus our Lord. Now take our worship, all we have and all we are, for your glory's sake. **Amen.**



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CONFESSION

We come with humble hearts before you, Lord,
and confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, we confess that we have
sinned in thought, word and deed. We have
not loved you with our whole heart. We
have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**



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**In your mercy forgive what we
have been, help us to amend what
we are, and direct what we shall
be; that we may do justly, love
mercy, and walk humbly with you,
our God. Amen.**



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May God our Father forgive us our
sins and bring us to the fellowship of
his table with his saints for ever.

Amen.



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FULNESS OF GRACE



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READING JOHN 1:1 - 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the



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darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.



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9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name,

he gave the right to become children of God – 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION: THE WORD MADE FLESH



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



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Lord of life, you have created the world and made every person in your image. We give thanks for the diversity of life on this planet. We thank you for the richness we enjoy through the many expressions of culture, faith and love. Give us the courage to love what you love.



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Wonderful God

Reveal in us your glory



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Incarnate Lord, you came among us,
becoming like us and sharing in our joys
and sorrows. We give thanks that you
have revealed your glory supremely at
the cross. We pray for all who are
seeking to know you, that they may find
you and may follow you.



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Lord of the Church, you have called your family into being and made us one in Christ. We give thanks for the diversity within the Church. Teach us to value the gifts each tradition has to offer, that we may see you in one another.



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Lord of the cross, you unite us all in our need for salvation. We give thanks for our fellow believers who are not afraid to call you Lord, despite the threat to their lives. We pray for all believers who are imprisoned for their faith, for those in hiding, and for the families of those who have been killed for their faith.



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Lord of the past, present and future, you hold us all in the palm of your hand. We thank you for those we love but see no longer. We pray for Mike Acaster and family following the death of his mother this week. Enfold Mike and Jan and family in your peace. We thank you for the communion of saints where your family in



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heaven and on earth is united in Christ.
May we all know ourselves to be held
by your love now and always.



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All these things we pray in the name of the Son who came to save us and show forth the glory of the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LIGHT OF THE WORLD



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THE PEACE

The Lord calls us to unity. He gives us his peace and invites us to share it. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also, with you.

Let us share the peace with those around us.

HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.



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It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.



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In Christ you shared our life that we
might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon
the cross and made for all the
perfect sacrifice for sin.**



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On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.



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At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.



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As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen
Lord.**



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With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



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**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life

The Blood of Christ keep you in eternal life



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

LORD OF THE CHURCH



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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING



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Now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



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And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be with you and all whom
you love, now and for evermore.
Amen.



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Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**