

Order of Service

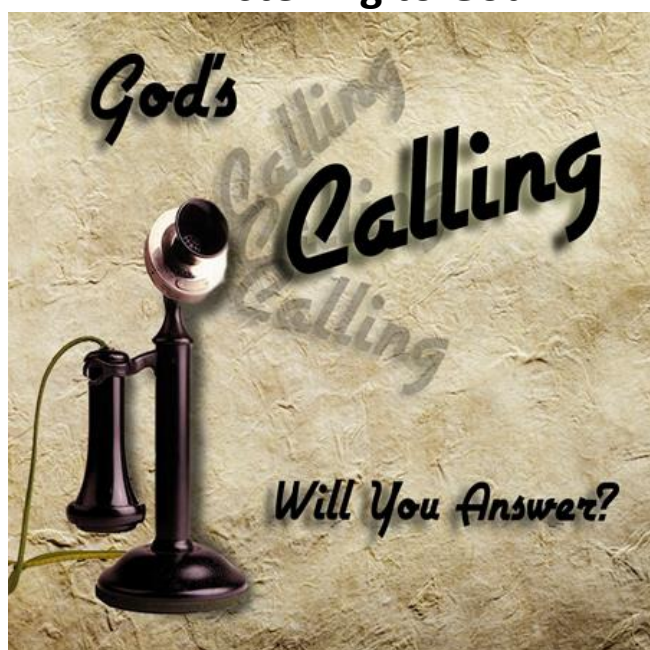
24th January 2021

10.00am



Worship led by Rev Dr André Groenewald
Music from Harry Thomson

Listening to God



Welcome and Announcements

Worshipping God Together

Call to Worship: (Psalm 55)

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me.
My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught because of what my enemy is saying,
because of the threats of the wicked; for they bring down suffering on me
and assail me in their anger.

Hymn Open my eyes

Open my eyes that I might see, glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now...

Open my mouth and let me bear, tidings of mercy everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.

Silently now...

Open my mind, that I may read, more of Thy love in word and deed:
What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead? Only for light from thee I plead.

Silently now...

Opening prayer and The Lord's Prayer

We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Reflecting on God's Word

Bible reading: John 1:43-51

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' ⁴⁶ 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' ⁴⁸ 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.' ⁵⁰ Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' ⁵¹ He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

Children's Address

Hymn 533 Will you come and follow me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Sermon

Prayer of thanksgiving and for others

Hymn 251 I the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord....

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord....

Benediction

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, that you know us and can see our potential
– for you know who we are created to be. We thank you for
all the people you have placed in our lives – parents, teachers,
guardians, friends, whoever they may be – people who have
made a real difference. We thank you for the blessings of
relationships, but most of all for our relationship with you.
Help us to bless others in your name. Thank you, Lord, that when
we are hurt, confused or unsure about something or someone,
we can come to you – thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit's
wisdom and guidance.

Lord, our hearts are lifted by your presence in our lives.
All glory to you with thanks and praise.
Amen.

Please join us for coffee and a chat after our online worship this Sunday.
You supply the coffee, we'll supply the chat!

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