

# OXTED TEAM MINISTRY

## Service Sheet for Epiphany 3, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

*Welcome to the Oxted Team Together, online! You will need to think how you will follow the words and watch the film, either having both on the screen at the same time or printing this out. Please join in with the words in bold and with the hymns. You may wish to have a candle nearby. The film for this service can be found here:*  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYSjetWivcHiT2iaOQgrbJA/videos>

### **GREETING**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.  
**All** and also with you

### **OPENING PRAYER of PRAISE AND ADORATION**

### **CONFESSION**

*We call to mind the things we want to say sorry to God for.*

**All** Loving God,  
we are sorry for our division and disunity  
we are sorry for when we do not work together  
we are sorry for not respecting one another's differences.  
Please forgive us  
and lead us in unity, collaboration and respect. **Amen.**

*We hear God's words of absolution and forgiveness*

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son  
and strengthen you  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all your days. **Amen**

## **HYMN**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and Mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## **READING**

Revelation 19:6-10

***REFLECTION, including CTOD covenant words below:***

### **We, the Churches of Oxted and District**

recognise that Christ wills the unity of his Church;  
acknowledge the sincerity of each tradition of faith;  
rejoice in our common Christian faith and heritage;  
give thanks to the Holy Spirit for leading us into closer  
friendship and  
unity of purpose.



### **So we covenant with each other to**

continue our pilgrimage towards a visible unity, praying that God will  
lead us to the form that it will eventually take;  
share our Christian life together as fully as we can,  
in love and service to God and to God's world.

## **To do this we will:**

worship, pray and study together so that we may understand, know and value each other;  
wherever possible, carry out our mission to our local community and the wider world as Churches Together;  
commit ourselves, as individual churches and together, to find ways to promote unity;  
every year, review our progress towards these objectives.

**We commend each other to the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and pray for God's wisdom and strength to fulfil this Covenant.**

## **CREED**

**All Let us 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.**

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*This or another response is used*

Lord in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**All 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.**

## **THE PEACE**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you.**

*If we are with a family member, we share the peace with them and name others known to us who need God's peace. If we are on our own, let us close our eyes briefly and hold before God those who we bless with God's peace.*

## **HYMN**

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

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## ***BLESSING and DISMISSAL***

The Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,  
to accept his truth more faithfully,  
and to share his life more lovingly;  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father  
and the blessing...           **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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Thank you very much if you are able to do so!**

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