



Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Friday 30th January
Service



*Scripture: **Philippians 2: 3-7***

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Reflection

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany contains the words “Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord”. What does serving Almighty God look like for you? Each of us has different skills and gifts that we can use in service of God’s Kingdom - in loving God, loving our neighbour and helping our fellow humans to love God and love their neighbour. Service can be through word and deed, as individuals or as a group, with service looking different in different seasons of life. Our baptismal promises speak of challenging justice, protecting creation and following the Apostles teaching - what might service look like for you in your Christian life in 2026? Are you called to continue something or stop something in order to do something new or take a greater role?

To Listen

Take My Life and Let It Be (Frances Ridley Havergal) and Here I Am, Lord (I the Lord of Sea and Sky) (Daniel L. Schutte)