

Worship at Home

Morning prayer, Compline,
Sunday morning worship



"Stat Crux Dum Volvitur Orbis"
The cross stands steady as the world turns

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We still find ourselves in strange times where we are unable to meet fully as a whole church community.

As the inscription on the front page says – the cross stands steady as the world turns. Whatever is happening in the world during these uncertain times, the one thing we can hold on to is the trust and promises we have in God through Jesus Christ.

We hope that the services in this book will provide a structure along words that are familiar. We have changed some of the liturgy to reflect we are now in ordinary time.

You can either follow it exactly how it is or if you prefer use it as a guide and allow the Holy Spirit to lead your prayers. The most important thing is to do what is comfortable for you!

Morning prayer is said at 9:00 am each day.

Compline is said each evening at a time suitable for you.

The Sunday service is said at 10 am, the time when we would usually all meet together.

We would encourage you to join in at these times.

Even though we are apart we can still be together as one praying community.

Morning prayer

(For those with computers, Morning Prayer is said by the clergy team on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9am using Zoom. You are more than welcome to join us. The link is sent out via email. Contact Rev'd Denise if you wish to be added to the list)

Find a comfortable place to pray.

Although we are apart, we come together to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

Light a candle. Keep a short silence. Still your heart.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul. **Amen**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

A moment to think of others in our church community

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

Amen

Read the appointed Psalm for the day
(See other booklet for details of today's Psalm)

End the Psalm with the following words

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Read the Old Testament reading set for the day
(See other booklet for details of today's reading)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of God,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
That God may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.
For the law shall go out from Zion,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
God shall judge between the nations,
and shall mediate for many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
O people of Jacob, come:
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Read the New Testament reading set for the day
(See other booklet for details of today's reading)

The Benedictus

1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
4. To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8. To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayers of intercession are offered

- For today
- For the world and for those that lead us
- For our parish and our church community
- For those who are sick
- For ourselves

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger,

order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.
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 Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

COMPLINE – NIGHT PRAYER

(For those with computers, Compline is said on a Thursday evening at 8:10 pm via Zoom. It is then uploaded to YouTube. You are more than welcome to join us. The link is sent out via email. Contact Rev'd Denise if you wish to be added to the list)

Find a comfortable place to pray.

Although we are apart, we come together to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

Light a candle. Keep a short silence. Still your heart.

Blessed are you Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You led your people to freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. May we who walk in the light of your presence acclaim your Christ, rising victorious as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

A period of reflection on the past day and a moment to think of others in our church community

Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive our sins,
heal us by our Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen

Play a hymn or sing along to the following hymn if you know the tune

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?^[b]^[c]

³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ Tremble and^[d] do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the LORD.

⁶ Many, LORD, are asking, 'Who will bring us prosperity?'
Let the light of your face shine on us.

⁷ Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever.
Amen**

Scripture Reading – Revelation 22.4,5

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Read the Gospel reading for today

Spent a moment thinking about the reading.
(Those following online will receive a short homily)

Gospel Canticle

**Refrain: Save us, O Lord, while waking
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now and shall be forever.
Amen**

**Refrain: Save us, O Lord, while waking
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Prayers of intercession are offered

The world
Our leaders
Those who are sick
Our church community

Ending with the Collect:

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.
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 Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
**so do we look for you, O Christ.
Amen**

Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.
Amen.

A Reflective Service for Sunday morning: For worship in isolation

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

*A moment to be still and light a candle.
Play a hymn/worship song if you wish to do so*

As God's people we have gathered;
Let us worship God now together,
Across the miles yet joined

Let us pray:
**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves
and confess our sins.

Keep a short time of reflection, leave your sins at the cross

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again, have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution: May the Father forgive us by the death of the Son,
and strengthen us to live in the power of The Spirit
all our days. **Amen.**

Find the bible reading for today in the other booklet.

Be still for a short while to think about the bible reading.

Did you find anything encouraging in the reading?

Did you find anything challenging?

What did you learn about Jesus from this reading?

Write any words or phrases that stood out in the notes section at the back of this booklet.

(Those following YouTube will have a sermon here followed by a short piece of reflective music.

The Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We intercede for others in the quiet of our hearts.
Lord, meet us in the silence
And hear our prayer.

- For today
- For the world
- For those that lead us

- For our parish and our church community
- For those who are sick
- For ourselves

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.
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.

Spiritual Communion

You may like to have a cup and plate available to hold during the spiritual communion

Look at the picture of the Last Supper to prepare yourself for a time of spiritual communion.

Jesus says,
Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking;
if you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to you and eat with you,
and you with me.

Revelation 3:20

Lord our God
you prepare a table before us
and, although we cannot be present at your Holy Eucharist, by your grace, open
our hearts to receive
the gift of your Son, the Word made flesh.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;

and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angles and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(For those following a YouTube service, an additional prayer of consecration may be added here)

Hold the plate in your hand

On the night that he was betrayed
Jesus took bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying
take, eat, this is my body which is given for you,
do this in remembrance of me.

Put down the plate and hold your cup.

In the same way after supper, he took the cup
he gave it to them saying,
drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins,
do this in remembrance of me.

Place the cup and plate in front of you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
that, though separated by distance,
we may still, through faith, be partakers in the benefits
of Christ's offering of his body and his blood.
This we ask, through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The following prayer may be said

Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,

and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

A time of silence follows, as each person present makes their own spiritual communion with God.

If possible, play a quiet piece of music

The period of spiritual communion concludes by saying

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which you Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen

Concluding prayers

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
Keep our hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NOTES: Write the date and anything that has spoken to you whilst you have been doing these services.

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