A Service of Worship at Home

*This service can be said by an individual, or part of the service can be led by different members of the household. The parts in bold can be said by everybody together.*

Greeting.

Peace to this house and all who live in it

**God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you.**

**Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives may glorify you. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

**Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness:**

**I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart**

**my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,**

**my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;**

**the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone.**

**O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;**

**and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Receiving God’s forgiveness

**I receive the forgiveness of almighty God,**

**who sent his Son into the world to save sinners.**

**I receive his pardon and peace, now and for ever.**

Words of Praise

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Bless the Lord you heavens:**

**sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Bless the Lord all people on earth:**

**sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

O people of God bless the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:**

**sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:

bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;

**bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:**

**sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm

*The psalms for Sundays are printed on pages 4-5 in this booklet*

After the Psalm:

**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.**

Readings from the Bible

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The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

The Special Prayer

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* Pray for yourself in your isolation, that God would sit with you
* Pray for others in their loneliness
* Pray for our country
* Pray for the world

**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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

Conclusion

Faithful God, may we who share in this time of worship

Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Our salvation and hope, who reigns as Lord now and forever.**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Bible readings and Special Prayers for Sundays

**Sun 22 Mar 2020 The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Ephesians; 5.8-14; Psalm 23

John 9.1-41

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Sun 29 Mar 2020 The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; Psalm 130;

John 11.1-45

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour’s blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Sun 5 Apr 2020 Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Psalm 31.9-16; Matthew 26.14 – 27.66

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

**Sun 12 Apr 2020 Easter Day**

Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24;

Matthew 28.1-10

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**Sun 19 Apr 2020 The Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2.14a,22-32; 1 Peter 1.3-9; Psalm 16; John 20.19-31

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

**Sun 26 Apr 2020 The Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2.14a,36-41; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Psalm 116.1-3,10-17; Luke 24.13-35

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Sun 3 May 2020 The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2.42-47; 1 Peter 2.19-25; Psalm 23; John 10.1-10

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Sun 10 May 2020 The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7.55-60; 1 Peter 2.2-10; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; John 14.1-14

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Sun 17 May 2020 The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-18; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

An order for the office of Compline (Night Prayer)

*The office of Compline (Night prayer) comes from an ancient practice of daily prayers by Christian monastic communities. It is a good way to end the day in quiet contemplation and reflection upon the past day before commending oneself to God and a peaceful night’s sleep. The office should be said before going to bed in a quiet and calm way; a candle may be lit and you might like to sing a simple hymn.*

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.*

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 us our sins, heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

*The following or another suitable hymn may be said or sung.*

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.

*The following psalm may be used.*

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,  
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth give you blessing out of Zion.

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.

*The following short lesson or another suitable passage is read:*

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.

*Revelation 22.4,5*

*The following responsory may be said:*

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.

*The Song of Simeon is said*

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.

*Luke 2.29-32*

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 and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

*Silence may be kept.*

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.

*The Lord's Prayer may be said.*

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.

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.