



Worship at Home

We believe that wherever we worship God 'in Spirit and in truth', He will be present.

To worship in your household, choose a specific place - perhaps somewhere you can light a candle, and where you and those joining you can sit together undisturbed. Choose a time when you can be unhurried. Then read slowly through the service sheet, praying the prayers as you go. If you are with others, then one of you can take the lead and say the words in normal type, with the other(s) reading the lines in bold, or you could take it in turns to lead. If it is just you, then read it all yourself. Some people find it helps to read the prayers and responses aloud, even on their own.

If you are reading this on a device rather than in printed form, then you can listen to (and join in with) the hymns by clicking on the links. The Bible readings and the Reflection, and the Prayers for Others (intercessions) will be provided separately, and there are prompts in this service for you to read, ponder and/or pray them. At any point, you could pause to look at the family activities, or do them later instead – whatever age you are!

Find what works for you and, as you worship, pray and learn at home, may God bless you and those others doing the same.

Gathering to worship God

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

Opening words

God is Spirit.

We worship him in Spirit and truth.

The Lord is with us.

And we praise his name together.

cf. John 4.24

***Hymn/song** – Links to hymns or songs are provided separately, though unfortunately only available to those with internet access. Please listen or sing now if you would like to.*

Words of confession and forgiveness

Pause for a moment here to reflect on the past week. You might like to look at the words that follow and consider whether these have been true of you at any point during the week.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

I/We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill me/us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **(Lord, have mercy.)**

I/We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill me/us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy. **(Christ, have mercy.)**

I/We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill me/us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **(Lord, have mercy.)**

May the Father forgive me/us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen me/us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days.

Amen.

Words of Praise

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
We dwell in him and he in us.

There are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit.

There are varieties of service,
but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working,
but the same God is at work in all.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

cf. 1 Corinthians 12.4-6

The Collect

This Sunday's prayer (collect) is included on the separate Bible Readings and Reflection pages.

Reading and Responding to God's Word

Bible readings and a Reflection for this Sunday are provided separately. Please pause here, read and ponder them now. You might also like to use the family activities at this point.

Hymn/song - An optional third hymn or song may be provided for here, though unfortunately only available to those with internet access.

Affirming our faith

**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 of 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,
and 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 for others and ourselves

Intercessions written specially for this Sunday are provided separately. Please pause here to read and pray them now.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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Closing words

God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve
and worship you
now and always. **Amen**

The Grace

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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