



Worship at Home for Summer Sundays

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.

The Bible readings and the Reflection, and the Prayers for Others (intercessions) are usually 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! Hymns and songs are only included in the video version of this service.

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening words

The earth is the Lord's
and everything in it.

Let all the people give God praise
and all creation bless God's name.

These are the long days when the sun rides high above us.
Days to enjoy with you, our sustaining God.

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 this has been true of you at any point during the week.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Words of praise

As those whom God in his grace forgives we offer thanks for the blessings around us and for his work within us.

For the dappling of the trees
and the gentling of friends
Thanks be to God.

For the brightness of the field
and the warmth of the sun
Thanks be to God.

For work to be done
and laughter to share
Thanks be to God.

We thank you, and know
that through struggle and pain
in the slippery path of new birth
hope will be born
and all shall be well.
Thanks be to God.

The Collect

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

Listening and responding to the Word of God

***Bible readings and Reflections** 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.*

Affirming our faith

**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.**

Prayers for others and ourselves

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

Ending with...

**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.**



The parishes of Barton, Caldecote with Childerley, Comberton,
Coton, Dry Drayton, Great and Little Eversden,
Hardwick, Harlton, Haslingfield and Toft

Going out to serve God

Blessing and laughter and loving be ours
the love of a great God
who names us
and holds us
while the earth turns and the flowers grow
this day
this night
this moment
and forever.

Final blessing

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

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