



## Worship at Home in October 2020

*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 are 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 not included in the written version of this service but they usually are in the audio version of this service. You can find a new audio service each Sunday at [www.lordsbridge.org](http://www.lordsbridge.org). These words can be used alongside that 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**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our father,  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **Opening words**

O God, you summon the day to dawn,  
teach the morning to waken the earth.  
**Great is your name, great is your love.**

For you, the valleys will sing for joy  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands  
**Great is your name, great is your love.**

To you, the monarchs of earth shall bow,  
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.  
**Great if your name, great is your love.**

Your love and justice shall last forever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.  
**Great if your name, great is your love.**

*In the morning use these words:*

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

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**

*Or in the evening use these words:*

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

**Amen**

### ***Words of praise, confession and forgiveness***

*Pause for a moment here to reflect on the past week.*

Lord God, we have sinned against you,  
we have done evil in your sight,  
we are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoings,  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us,  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

May the father of all mercies,  
cleanse us from our sins and  
restore us in his image to the  
praise and glory of his name.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen

### ***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 Pic n Mix activities at this point.

### ***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 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 for others and ourselves

May it not be long before the world we pray for,  
and the world we inhabit are one.

May it not be long before the  
domination of wealth over want,  
white over black, man over woman,  
the privileged over the poor,  
are facts of history not facts of life.

**May it not be long**

May it not be long Lord,  
before the earth no longer suffers  
through human selfishness so  
that the valleys can sing again,  
meadows laugh and  
barren places burst into bloom.

**May it not be long**

May it not be long Lord,  
before economic power comes  
only with accountability and  
money and taxation are  
wedded to just purposes.

**May it not be long.**

May it not be long Lord,  
before countries the  
west once evangelised,  
show us the larger Christ  
we have yet to encounter.

**May it not be long**

May it not be long Lord,  
before we vacate the  
safe refuges of pessimism  
and cynicism and find  
wells of hope deeper  
than shallow pools of optimism.

**May it not be long**

May it not be long Lord,  
before we feel ourselves directly  
addressed by your voice,  
as those first disciples did,

who heard you summon the  
strangest of people  
to the greatest of callings.  
**May it not be long**

And raise up in us that holy restlessness,  
to get your work done for Jesus sake

**Amen**

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers**  
**for the sake of your Son**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
Amen.

### ***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.**

### **Going out to serve God**

**Maker of all, we are your children**  
**the creatures of your kindness**  
**the bearers of your image.**  
**This day we will walk by your light**  
**follow your son and live by your spirit**  
**for this is the day the Lord has made.**  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

For all that God can do within us.  
All that God can do without us.  
**Thanks be to God**

For all in whom Christ lived before us  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

For all the spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the spirit wants to send us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Listen, Christ has promised to be with us  
in the world, as in our worship.

**Amen, we go to serve him**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God**