



Worship at Home for ORDINARY TIME

For use during the Sermon Series: The 5 Marks of Mission



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 Collect, the Bible readings and the Reflection are provided separately. Short intercessions are included, but you may wish to use your own prayers, or some may be provided by your church.

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.

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

Preparation

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.

O God, you summon the day to dawn;
you 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 the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is your name, great is your love.

Your love and justice shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name, great is your love.

A Prayer for Grace

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

Silence is kept

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 for ever.

Confession and Absolution

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 wrongdoing 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

The Collect for the day (found with the readings and reflection)

Bible Readings and Reflection

(found on a separate sheet)

Apostle's 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 of Intercession

You may use the following intercessions...

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, the 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 wedding to just purposes.

May it not be long.

May it not be long, Lord

Before the countries which 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.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.**

Closing Words

**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 that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

For all that God can do within us,
For 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.