



## **Worship at Home for Kigali Sunday 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.*

*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 provided separately. 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Welcome and notices**

*Today, across the Ely Diocese, we mark our link with Kigali Diocese in Rwanda. Formed in 2014 by +Stephen and +Louis, the link was designed to foster mutual learning and sharing. It is not about patronage but friendship and partnership - discovering together more about how the presence of God transforms lives in every community, culture and context.*

*Some parishes in the diocese have also connected at a more local level with parishes in*

*Kigali. St Mary's Comberton initially formed a link with Musaka parish and this has now extended to other churches in the Lordsbridge Team. Dry Drayton Primary school is also linked up with a diocesan primary school.*

*So today, we celebrate this connection, remembering that we are brothers and sisters across the world. We hear from the new Bishop of Kigali – Bishop Nathan. We pray for the work of the church in Kigali, especially at this time as they, too, feel the dramatic effects of the pandemic.*

### **Opening words**

God our maker,  
you created the diversity of nations  
and call us all your children,  
**Come God and meet us wherever we are.**

Christ our redeemer,  
you reached out to friend and stranger  
To respectable and disreputable people alike,  
**Come Jesus and meet us wherever we are.**

Holy Spirit and comforter,  
you call people from the four corners of the earth  
to praise you, each in their own language,  
**Come Holy Spirit and meet us wherever we are.**

God our maker, our redeemer, our comforter,  
you welcome and embrace us all,  
you know each of us by name  
you are our God,  
**And wherever we are we will worship you.**

**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.*

You made us to be one family,  
yet we have divided humanity.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You were born to reconcile all people,  
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You rejoice in our differences, yet we make them a cause of enmity.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The minister prays words of forgiveness*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world. Amen.

### ***Words of praise***

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.  
**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.  
**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

When the time had fully come  
you sent the Son of Righteousness.  
**In him the fulness of your glory dwells.**  
**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

### ***The Church's prayer for this Sunday - The Collect for the Unity of the Church***

Heavenly Father,  
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ  
to continue his work of reconciliation  
and reveal you to the world:  
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;  
give us the courage to overcome our fears  
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

## **Listening and responding to the Word of God**

***Bible readings and 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.*

***The combined Prince of Peace choir of Kigali Cathedral and the local Cambourne Gospel Choir, a video specially created for Kigali Sunday.** A link to this video is provided separately, though unfortunately only available to those with internet access. Please listen now if you would like to.*

### ***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.**

## **Going out to serve God**

***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.*

## **Closing words**

Draw your Church together, O God,  
into one great company of disciples,  
**together following our Lord Jesus Christ  
into every walk of life,  
together serving him in his mission to the world,  
and together witnessing to his love  
on every continent and island.**

## **Final blessing**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding  
guard our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with us this day and forever more. Amen.

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