

Welcome to Worship from Home

Although we can't meet together in person, we still can worship the God we serve together in spirit. This act of worship provides a way to engage in prayer and worship together, even as we are apart.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have encouraged us that:

Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead. Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day.

To that end, you may also want to use other online and phone app resources during the week, such as:

- [The Church of England's Daily Prayer](#) – short acts of prayer and worship for Morning, Midday, Evening and Night
- [Lectio 365](#) – a daily devotional that helps you pray the Bible
- [The Bible in One Year](#) – daily Bible readings with commentary

All of these resources are also available as phone apps.

This document contains what should be familiar Morning Worship liturgy for Lent. You will also find links to hymns and songs in the usual places, as well as a link to a reflection for Mothering Sunday and a short sermon. Anything in [blue text with an underline](#) links to video resources.

So, whether you are on your own or with friends and family, take time this Sunday to worship our great God. Let us know if you find this resource helpful and we'll continue to offer it, as well as other resources.

Every blessing,

Paula & Elise

Morning Worship for Lent – 22 March 2019

Mothering Sunday

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, of the Holy Spirit

Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Songs of Worship

Hymn: [Christ Whose Glories Fills The Skies](#)

Modern: [The Lord's My Shepherd](#)

Prayers

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

In the wilderness we find your grace;
you love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our cause;
our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;
restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Songs of Worship

Hymns:

[Jesus Good Above All Other](#)

[O God our Help in Ages Past](#)

Modern:

[I Am Not Alone](#)

[Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here](#)

Bible Readings

[1 Samuel 1.20-28](#)

[John 19.25b – 27](#)

[A Video Reflection for Mothering Sunday](#)

Sermon

[By Steve Kersys, Children's & Families Advisor for the Diocese of Chelmsford](#)

Songs of worship

Hymn: [Lord Of All Hopefulness](#)

Modern: [Praise You In This Storm](#)

The Apostles' 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

For all those affected by the coronavirus

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayers for Mothering Sunday

Dear God, thank you that you have comforted us as your children. You have led us with cords of kindness and bands of love. You have provided many good things for us and cared for us when we have had little. Thank you for being like a mother to us. **Amen.**

Lord, we thank you for the women you put in our lives who have cared for us. For mothers and carers of every type, aunts, grandmothers and the many women who helped raise us. Where we miss them, may you comfort us.

As we pray for each other, we recognise that sometimes mothers are not perfect like you. Where we are hurt, may you restore us. **Amen**

We pray for those who are part of caring for children in all sorts of different ways. For teachers and those in education; social workers and support workers; youth and children's leaders; nurses, doctors, therapists and all those in healthcare. Fill them with the Fruit of your Spirit and equip them for the work you have set before them. **Amen**

We pray for children who are currently not with the mother figure or parents they need or are facing uncertainty and instability. Would you pour out your love, comfort and peace. **Amen**

Help us to follow the model of motherly love that you set in your Word and in our lives. May we reflect that goodness into the lives of all we meet. **Amen**

Personal Prayers – *We offer our personal prayers and intercessions for the world, our country, the church and ourselves*

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Or

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 Songs of Worship

Hymns:

[Amazing Grace](#)

[Great is Thy Faithfulness](#)

Modern:

[Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow](#)

[Raise a Hallelujah](#)

Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep
us in eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.