





Introduction

During this time of pandemic major changes to the way we worship are necessary for the safety of congregation and community. It may not be possible to take the Sacrament regularly or for some for a considerable period. We all, shall have to find communion with God in personal and family prayer

If you need a bible, or a bible in contemporary language, please let me know and I will arrange for one to be delivered to you.

I hope and pray that we will all be preserved. We must not underestimate the ability of this Virus to decimate those in our communities who are vulnerable. We must do all we can to protect ourselves and our communities.

May the lord be with you - Victoria

Churches open for private prayer

Our churches will remain open for private prayer as much as we are able.

Supported prayer with absolution and communion

According to the usual pattern of location for Holy Communion: A minister will celebrate Eucharist, and then remain for a period. Any persons who come to pray privately during this period may receive Absolution and Holy Communion in one kind only. This is not a public act of worship. Any attending should keep two meters from the Minister or other persons praying privately. This may be reviewed on the basis of the advice received.

Family and personal prayer and worship

This booklet has a short morning and evening prayer for use at home as well as Compline or Night Prayer, the Apostles Creed, and in case of emergency, prayers around the time of death.

If you do not have access to the Lectionary readings from the Church of England, I suggest that during the week you choose one Gospel to read from and one of the New Testament books perhaps beginning with the Acts of the Apostles.

¶ The Lord's Prayer

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.**



Morning Prayer

Saying Morning Prayer in a family group or alone

From the beginning Christians gathered together in the morning and evening to offer praise and prayer on behalf of all creation, and to pray for the salvation of the earth. This booklet is here to help each of us pray for the life of our communities.

If you are praying together in a family group, any faithful person may take the role of the leader. Many of us are unused to praying these daily offices alone. Please experiment and find the best way to allow you to worship.

Preparation

Lead O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

One of these prayers may be said.

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

Alternatively

All May Christ, the true, the only light
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Silence is kept.

Lead 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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Scripture Readings. If you do not have access to the Lectionary Readings for the day when you are praying, it is usual to read a Psalm, and a passage from the Old Testament at this point.

Responsory

Lead Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.
Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.
And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears
you will appear with him in glory.
**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

The responsory comes from Colossians 3

The Gospel Canticle

All You have set us free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous in your sight.

Lead Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, •
who has come to his people and set them free.

Lead He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, •
born of the house of his servant David.

Lead through his holy prophets God promised of old •
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

Lead To show mercy to our ancestors, •
and to remember his holy covenant.

Lead This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: •
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Lead Free to worship him without fear, •
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

Lead And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, •
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

Lead To give his people knowledge of salvation •
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

Lead In the tender compassion of our God •
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

Lead To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, •
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1.68-79

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **You have set us free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous in your sight.**

*Silently, or spoken intercessions are offered for the day and its tasks.
for the world and its needs, for the Church and her life. Prayer
must be major part of what we do at these times. The Litany has
appropriate sections at this time, some are included here:*

Let us pray.

All God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son,
All **have mercy upon us.**

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice;
and from all evil intent,

All All good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,

All All good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

All good Lord, deliver us.

From famine and disaster;
from violence, murder and dying unprepared,

All good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow;
in all times of joy;
in the hour of death,
and at the day of judgement,

All good Lord, deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
 forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
 and our deliberate sins;
 and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
 to amend our lives according to your holy word.

All **Holy God,**
 holy and strong,
 holy and immortal,
 have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Lead As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All **Our Father in heaven ...**
 If required, a copy of this prayer is on page 3.

The Conclusion

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

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

¶ Evening Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

This opening prayer may be said:

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

Silence is kept to prepare for worship.

Lead 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.

All Amen.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said. The Magnificat is found in Luke 1.46-55. The convention is that the refrain: My spirit rejoices in you... is said each time the glyph • indicates.

All **My spirit rejoices in you, O God,
my soul proclaims your greatness.**

Lead My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; •
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

Lead From this day all generations will call me blessed; •
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

Lead He has mercy on those who fear him, •
from generation to generation.

Lead He has shown strength with his arm •
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Lead Casting down the mighty from their thrones •
and lifting up the lowly.

Lead He has filled the hungry with good things •
and sent the rich away empty.

Lead He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •
to remember his promise of mercy,

Lead The promise made to our ancestors, •
to Abraham and his children for ever.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **My spirit rejoices in you, O God,
my soul proclaims your greatness.**

Prayers

*Thanksgiving may be made for the day.
Intercessions are offered
for peace and for individuals and their needs*

**Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept. And the following is said

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love which never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our Redeemer.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven ...

The Conclusion

**All 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



Compline

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. If there is an address, or business to be done, it should come first. If the service is in church, those present depart in silence; if at home, they go quietly to bed.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
All Amen.

All Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.
The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used.*

All **Most merciful God,**
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia.

The following or another suitable hymn may be sung

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

The Word of God

Psalmody

One or more of the following psalms may be used. The psalms are often chanted, or if you are in a family group different people may say different parts of the psalm.

Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, •
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary •
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth •
give you blessing out of Zion.

Other psalms often said at this time Psalm 4, and 91

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture reading

Short sentence of scripture are read

One of the following short lessons or another suitable passage is read

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

Jeremiah 14.9

(or)

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith.

1 Peter 5.8, 9

(or)

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22.4, 5

Responsory

The following responsory may be said

All Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Cantic

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung

All Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace

Lead Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: •
your word has been fulfilled.

Lead My own eyes have seen the salvation •
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

Lead A light to reveal you to the nations •
and the glory of your people Israel.

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Silence may be kept.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer may be said.

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
All **for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
All **for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,
All **so do we look for you, O Christ.**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

Amen.

About Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated by the whole people of God gathered for worship. The unity of the liturgy is served by the ministry of the priest who in presiding over the whole service holds word and sacrament together and draws the congregation into a worshipping community. In the Church of England the president at Holy Communion is required to be an episcopally ordained priest (Canon B12).

In these strange times it is no longer possible for us to meet together to celebrate this Holy Sacrament, I will, however, be celebrating alone in all our churches on your behalf and on the behalf of our communities. I will ring the bell for the faithful to hear and know that the Eucharist is being said. Perhaps you would like to symbolically join with me, if you would like to here is a guide to preparing yourself and joining me in prayer...

A Simple Guide for joining in Communion

Have a simple meal ready to share. The memorial we keep and mystery we participate in through Holy Communion began with a meal: the Last Supper.

Spend some time in prayer and settle yourself with God in your heart (I Corinthians 11:27-30).

Read the Bible readings set for the day, or a passage of your choice.

Confess your sin to God (I John 1:9).

If there is unresolved conflict in your life, seek reconciliation (Matthew 5:23-24).

Spend some moments in prayer for yourself, your loved ones and for the wider world (Mark 11:24).

Read Matthew 26:26-28 or I Corinthians 11:23-26.

Continue in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads and give thanks for the body and blood of the Lord that was shed for you (I Thessalonians 5:18).

Recite the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) or P3.

Participating in Communion is considered a privilege for believers. It is both a somber reflection and beautiful celebration of Christ's sacrifice for all who put their faith in him.

¶ 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.

¶ A Blessing all may offer

The Aaronic blessing Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

¶ A prayer before reading the Bible

Adapted from Jerome, (420).

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth and the life:
let us not stray from you who are the way,
nor distrust your promises who are the truth,
nor rest in anything but you who are the life,
for beyond you there is nothing to be desired
neither in heaven nor in earth.

All Amen.

¶ A translation of the Christaraksha

Adapted from the Christaraksha a prayer of the Indian Churches.

May the cross of the Son of God,
which is mightier than all the hosts of Satan,
and more glorious than all the hosts of heaven,
abide with me in my going out and my coming in.

By day and by night, at morning and at evening,
at all times and in all places may it protect and defend me.
From the wrath of evildoers, from the assaults of evil spirits,
from foes visible and invisible, from the snares of the devil,
from all passions that beguile the soul and body:
may it guard, protect and deliver me.

Amen.

¶ For those on the way

from a prayer of Erasmus (1536).

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth and the life:
let us not stray from you who are the way,
nor distrust your promises who are the truth,
nor rest in anything but you who are the life,
for beyond you there is nothing to be desired
neither in heaven nor in earth.

All Amen.

¶ A prayer of dismissal

After an Armenian Orthodox Church dismissal.

Keep us in peace, O Christ our God,
under the protection of your holy and venerable cross;
save us from our enemies, visible and invisible,
and count us worthy to glorify you with thanksgiving,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever, world without end.

All Amen.

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