



Sunday Worship for Use at Home

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WELCOME AND GATHERING

Let us recognize God's presence with us, wherever we are.

Silence is kept

As God's people we gather in heart and mind:

Let us worship God together.

We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us recall our Lord's blessing upon those who follow him:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask God's forgiveness and peace.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again.

Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself

as those who were once dead,

but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May almighty God deliver us from the powers of darkness, restore in us the image of his glory, and lead us in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: The Venite

(sung to the tune for Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning: 'Epiphany')

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honour;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song.
You are the rock of your people's salvation,
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the One whom we worship this day.

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way.

THE COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

At the end of each reading:

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

THE SERMON or a reflection may be shared

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH We proclaim together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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 The following, or other forms of intercession may be used

Blessed are you, eternal God,

to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:

make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:

that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:

give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world:

guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:

help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:

grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble...

Eternal God, **in your presence may they find their strength.**

We remember those who have died...

Heavenly Father, **into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:

Eternal God, **bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Lord of the Church, **hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

OUR OFFERING We offer ourselves in loving service to God and one another.

We are the Body of Christ,

in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord is always with us.

Peace be with us all.

Let us indeed be at peace, one with another, as we offer ourselves to God in worship; as we recall our Creator God's lavish love for the world, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour; and as we invite the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, to draw us closer to God, to equip us to do the Lord's work, and to inspire us to love as God loves us.

WE REMEMBER AND PROCLAIM OUR HOPE IN CHRIST

The Lord our God is always with us:

God, your Spirit is ever among us.

Let us celebrate God's goodness:

Lord, we lift our hearts to you.

Let us offer thanks and praise to God:

Father, your face is turned towards your world.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

Your love is revealed in all Creation.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.

Your love is revealed afresh in every age

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your

people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. Again and again we chose the path of rebellion, fell short of your glory, and failed to be a holy people, yet you still would not abandon us.

Your love is revealed to the undeserving.

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Your love is revealed living among us.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Your love is revealed in Christ's devotion.

We proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, and his glorious ascension to reign at your right hand on high, and we long for his coming in glory.

God our Creator, your love is revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son, who died, is risen, and will come again.

Glory to God whose love has been revealed.

Glory to God whose love has set us free.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high. **Amen.**

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

A candle is lit. Silence is kept.

Lord God, revealed in Creation;

Lord God, revealed in Jesus Christ;

Lord God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us.

We will rejoice in you.

We pray to the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, whom Jesus asked the Father to send that we might be guided into all truth.

Holy Spirit of love and joy, you filled the first followers of Jesus with boldness to speak of God's marvellous deeds in words their hearers could understand, and gave birth to the Church. Come to your Church today and fill our hearts, that we may proclaim you with clarity and conviction, and in lives made holy in your service. Holy Spirit, inspire us, **We will rejoice in you.**

Holy Spirit of goodness and peace, you have motivated people in every generation to strive for justice and seek the common good. Provoke, guide and inspire us in this generation to work for the benefit of all people. Break down all barriers that humanity devises; drive from us all anger, fear, envy and hatred; that we may live in harmony, serve each other unselfishly, and be agents of peace in your world. Holy Spirit, burn within us,
We will rejoice in you.

Holy Spirit of patience, kindness and self-control, you moved over the waters at creation and brought forth all that the Word desired. You empower us to share in your work of bringing to birth your Kingdom. Holy Spirit, renew us,
We will rejoice in you.

○ King enthroned on high, Comforter and Spirit of truth, you that are in all places and fill all things, the treasury of blessings and the giver of life:
**come and dwell with us, cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, ○ gracious one. Amen.**

Uniting our prayers with the worldwide Church throughout the ages, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

May we trust in God to provide all that is sufficient for each day. May we be delivered from sin, and live lives which honour and reflect the holiness of our heavenly Father. May we live on earth as citizens of heaven, as God's forgiven and forgiving people; and seek the coming of God's eternal kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

May God who is peace make us perfect and holy, and keep us safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.**

May God keep us in all our days. May Christ shield us in all our ways. May the Spirit bring us healing and peace. May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from us and pour upon us blessing and light; **and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

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