

A Reflective Service: for worship in isolation



We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

Keep a short silence, still your heart.

As God's people we have gathered;
Let us worship God now together,
Across the miles yet joined

Let us pray.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.



In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves
and confess our sins.

Keep a short silence, leave your sins at the cross

Confession: 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 once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution: May the Father forgive us by the death of the Son,
and strengthen us to live in the power of The Spirit
all our days. **Amen.**

*Find the bible reading for today on the church website
Along with a short reflection for you to read.*

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself
and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen. *cf Philipians 2.6-11*

We intercede for others in the quiet of our hearts.
Lord, meet us in the silence
And hear our prayer.

Silence for prayer is kept:

Pray for yourself in your isolation, that God would sit with you

Pray for others in their loneliness

Pray for our country

Pray for the world

**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.**



Silence is kept

Faithful God, may we who have shares in this time of worship
Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Our salvation and hope, Who reigns as Lord now and forever.

Fill us, Good Lord with your Spirit of love;
And as you have fed us with your presence,
so make us one in heart and mind,
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

If you want to live out your faith in your isolation,
why not telephone someone, to let them know that they are not alone.

If you are lonely, or would like to be added to our prayer list, or have any other
needs, telephone 01432 273086

“For God has said, ‘I will not leave you or forsake you’ so we can confidently say,
‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear’.” (Hebrews 13:5-6)

“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or
forsake you. Do not be dismayed.” (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Please God, we can meet together in church again, soon.

Some prayers for this time from the Church of England:

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.

For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me
from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Personal Prayers particularly if you can't get to church

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.
I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.
Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

*adapted from Alexander Carmichael,
Carmina Gadelica (1900)*

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

The Jesus Prayer

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

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.**

Lectionary Readings for Sundays between 29th March (Passion Sunday) and 31st May (Pentecost)

29TH MARCH: The Fifth Sunday of Lent, PASSION SUNDAY

Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45

PALM SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21.1-11, Psalm 118.1-2,19-29

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-16,
Philippians 2.5-11, Matthew 26.14 - 27.66 *or* Matthew 27.11-54

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42.1-9, Psalm 36.5-11, Hebrews 9.11-15, John 12.1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12.1-3, John 13.21-32

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12.1-3, John 13.21-32

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exodus 12.1-4[5-10], 11-14, Psalm 116.1,10-17, 1 Corinthians 11.23-26
John 13.1-17,31b-35

GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10.16-25 *or*
Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9, John 18.1 - 19.42

EASTER VIGIL

Genesis 1.1 - 2.4a	Psalm 136.1-9,23-26
Genesis 7.1-5,11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13	Psalm 46
Genesis 22.1-18	Psalm 16
Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21	Psalm 19
Ezekiel 36.24-28	Psalms 42, 43
Ezekiel 37.1-14	Psalm 143
Zephaniah 3.14-20	Psalm 98

Romans 6.3-11 Psalm 114 Matthew 28.1-10

EASTER DAY

Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.1-2,14-24, Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-18 1

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2.14a,22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2.14a,36-41, Psalm 116.1-3,10-17, 1 Peter 1.17-23,
Luke 24.13-35

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2.42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2.19-25, John 10.1-10

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7.55-60, Psalm 31.1-5,15-16, 1 Peter 2.2-10, John 14.1-14

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 17.22-31, Psalm 66.7-18, 1 Peter 3.13-22, John 14.15-21

ASCENSION DAY

Acts 1.1-11, Psalm 47 *or* Psalm 93, Ephesians 1.15-23, Luke 24.44-53

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

Acts 1.6-14, Psalm 68.1-10,32-35, 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11, John 17.1-11

PENTECOST

Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-36,37b, 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13
John 20.19-23 *or* John 7.37-39