

# Worship at Home



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**The Benefice of Ringwood with  
Ellingham & Harbridge and St Leonards  
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## **NOTES on the use of this booklet**

The following services are designed to allow you a simple service to worship with whilst we are unable to meet together.

Included in this booklet are a range of prayers and service types which you can use on Sundays or at any other time.

Worship will also be livestreamed from Ringwood Parish Church to our Ringwood Benefice Facebook page.

Please be mindful and reflect on the words of Archbishop Justin in the statement suspending public worship:

“Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance on Sunday and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day.”

Whatever shape our common life takes in the future, the one rock on which we can build that common life is the practice of worshipping God. Do be faithful and creative in working out what a new pattern of worship looks like for you.

# PRAYERS FOR THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

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.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.  
Amen.

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ 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.

*For 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.

*Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference*

Intercessions

*SET A*

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.**

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.**

SET B

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.**

## **PRAYERS WITH CHILDREN**

### **A prayer for when a friend is ill**

Dear God, (*name of friend*) is ill.  
They are not allowed to go to school or come over to play.  
I'm sad because I miss them.  
They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.  
Please be close to them.  
Please be with the people who are looking after them.  
Please help them to get better and to know that you love them.  
**Amen.**

### **A prayer for the world**

God of love and hope,  
you made the world and care for all creation,  
but the world feels strange right now.  
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.  
Some people are worried that they might get ill.  
Others are anxious for their family and friends.  
Be with them and help them to find peace.  
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,  
and all who are working to discover the right medicines  
to help those who are ill.  
Thank you that even in these anxious times,  
you are with us.  
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.  
**Amen.**

## **A prayer at bedtime**

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.

Tonight we pray especially for *(names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus)* and the people of *(country or place which is affected by Coronavirus)*.

Please give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them.

**Amen.**

## **A prayer remembering God is with us**

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling *(name how you are feeling)* because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.

**Amen.**

## **PERSONAL PRAYERS**

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.

*Common Worship*

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,  
and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation,  
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,  
we may always be defended by your gracious help,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Common Worship*

O gracious and holy Father,  
give us wisdom to perceive you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
and a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the spirit  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*St Benedict*

### **Before going to sleep**

God our Father, by whose mercy  
the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light:  
we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,  
our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,  
knowing that only what you bless will prosper.  
To your love and protection  
we commit each other and all those we love,  
knowing that you alone are our sure defender,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Church of South India*

# MORNING PRAYER

*You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.*

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him.

Nahum 1.7

## Opening Sentences

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

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

*Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.*

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 for ever. **Amen.**

## Bible Reading

*You may wish to say Psalm 23 or another psalm here, such as Psalm 16 or Psalm 139.*

### Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**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.**

*You may wish to use the weekly pattern of short readings given below, or choose a passage of your own.*

*Sunday Morning*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Isaiah 43.1-3a

### *Monday Morning*

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14.1-6

### *Tuesday Morning*

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4.8-9

### *Wednesday Morning*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3.16,17

### *Thursday Morning*

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. Ephesians 2.19-22

### *Friday Morning*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 19.9-12

### *Saturday Morning*

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Luke 12.22-31

### **Prayers**

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger; order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

## **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.

## The 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.**

## NIGHT PRAYER

*You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.*

The eternal God is your refuge,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

*Deuteronomy 33.27*

### Opening Sentences

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

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

*Pause and reflect on the day that is past.*

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

### Bible Reading

*You may wish to say here the psalm given below, or Psalm 27, or another chosen psalm.*

## Psalm 91

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God, in whom I put my trust.'
- 3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his wings  
and you shall be safe under his feathers;  
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
- 7 Though a thousand fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand,  
yet it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold  
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge  
and the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you,  
neither shall any plague come near your tent.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.

- 12 They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 Because they have set their love upon me,  
therefore will I deliver them;  
I will lift them up, because they know my name.
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them;  
I am with them in trouble,  
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.

**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.**

*You may wish to use one of the following short readings or choose a passage of your own.*

*Sunday Evening*

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

*Monday Evening*

Thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. Isaiah 30.15

### *Tuesday Evening*

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11.28-end

### *Wednesday Evening*

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. I Peter 5.6,7

### *Thursday Evening*

Jesus said, 'I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!' John 16.33

### *Friday Evening*

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. I Thessalonians 5.9,10

### *Saturday Evening*

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' John 8.12

## **Prayers**

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe. Comfort and heal them, and

restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

## The Conclusion

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

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

# COMMON WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

## PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help  
**And sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

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

*Silence*

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 for ever.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**For he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PSALM** *(Optional)*

*The appointed psalm for the day may be said Each psalm may end with*

**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.**

### **CANTICLE** *(Optional)* **Benedicte - A Song of Creation**

- 1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord;  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens;  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord all people on earth:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 5 O people of God bless the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:  
bless the Lord that you are holy and humble in heart;

**bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

### **CANTICLE** *(Optional)* **Jubilate - A Song of Joy**

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth:  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God;  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*Psalm 100*

### **SCRIPTURE READING(S)**

*One of more readings appointed for the day are read.*

*After the readings, the reader may say:*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PRESENTATION OR ACTIVITY**

*This optional section may be used for seasonal material, or for wider involvement  
e.g. a drama or activity.*

### **HYMN**

### **SERMON/TALK**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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.**

## **HYMN**

## **PRAYERS**

### **COLLECT**

*The prayer for the day is said*

*Other prayers are said, ending with the Lord's Prayer*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

**NOTICES** *Any notices are given and banns of marriage published*

## **PEACE**

God calls us to peace:  
**in God's justice is our peace.**  
Christ calls us to be God's people:  
**in Christ is our peace.**

*cf Ephesians 2.14,15*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **HYMN**

*The offertory may be taken before or during this hymn or song*

**DISMISSAL**

## **PRAYER OF THANKS**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have this money to offer,  
the fruit of our labour and of the skills you have given us.  
Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*This prayer may be said by the congregation, or the leader may use another prayer*

**Heavenly Father,  
as you have called us into your light,  
encouraged us by your presence,  
and taught us by your word,  
continually fill us by your Spirit,  
that our lives may bear witness to your truth  
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise  
now and forever. Amen.**

**GRACE**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit be with us all, now and  
forever.  
Amen.**

or **BLESSING**

...And the blessing of God  
almighty, the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit be upon *us* and all  
those whom we love and pray for  
this day and always. **Amen.**

# MORNING PRAYER FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY

## OPENING RESPONSES

The world belongs to God  
**the earth and all its people.**

How good and how lovely it is  
**to live together in unity.**

Love and faith come together  
**justice and peace join hands.**

If Christ's disciples keep silent  
**these stones would shout aloud.**

## HYMN

Loving God, Maker of all  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life  
**have mercy on us.**

Let us in silence admit our frailty and confess our failings

*Silence*

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:  
To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you  
to grow in love.**

Amen.

## CONFESSION

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

**Amen.**

Move among us, O God; give us life;  
**let your people rejoice in you.**

Make our hearts clean within us:  
**renew us in mind and in spirit.**

Give us again the joy of your help,  
**with your Spirit of freedom sustain us.**

## **HYMN**

## **WORD AND WISDOM**

Listen now for Word and Wisdom:

## **PSALM**

*The appointed psalm for the day may be said*

*Each psalm may end with*

**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(S)**

This is the word of God  
**for the word of God in Jesus  
for God's wisdom all around us  
for God's word and wisdom in us  
thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church

**We affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,  
the unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

## HYMN

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT

*The prayer for the day is said*

*Other prayers are said for the church, the world and those in need.*

*Universal Prayer for Peace*

**Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.**

**Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.**

**Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.**

**Let peace fill our lives, our world, our universe.**

**Peace, peace, peace.**

God of power and promise,

You gather and scatter your people to the ends of the earth;

But wherever we go, we are never beyond the reach of your love.

Gather us together now as we share in the prayer that Jesus taught us.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand Prayer Book)*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

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## **PEACE**

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,  
peace to those who are far off  
and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **HYMN**

*The offertory may be taken before or during this hymn or song*

## **PRAYER OF THANKS**

God of life, Saviour of the poor,  
receive with this money  
gratitude for your goodness,  
penitence for our pride  
and dedication to your service  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;  
now we put our lives into yours.**

**Take us, renew us and remake us.**

**What we have been is past;  
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.**

**Lead us on.**

**Take us with you.**

**Amen.**

*Silence*

In work and worship

**God is with us.**

Gathered and scattered

**God is with us.**

Now and always

**God is with us.**

### **GRACE**

**May the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit be with us all, now and  
forever.**

**Amen.**

### **or BLESSING**

The love of the faithful Creator  
The peace of the wounded Healer  
The joy of the challenging Spirit  
The hope of the Three in One  
Surround and encourage you  
Today, tonight and forever.

*Kathy Galloway, The Pattern of our  
Days, Iona Community, 1998*

# MORNING PRAYER

## FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST FRANCIS

### PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, redeemer and king of all;  
to you be glory and praise for ever!

From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world,  
and in your great love, fashioned us in your image.

May we, the first-fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made;

may Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts  
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

**Blessed be God for ever!**

God is the creator and redeemer of all

**O come, let us worship.**

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

*Silence*

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 for ever.

**Amen.**

### **OPENING CANTICLE – A SONG OF JOY**

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

Serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: the Lord himself is God; \*

he himself has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.  
4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Psalm 100*

**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.**

## **HYMN**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

As we draw near to you  
**give us tears to see the wonder of your presence,  
give us tears to see the wasting of your land,  
give us tears to see the wounding of your Son.**

*Silence*

Be joyful;  
the saving God stretches out his hand,  
bounding towards us, to announce a loving reconciliation.  
Washed and made whole,  
let us listen to the Word of Christ.

*Liturgies from Lindisfarne, Kevin Mayhew, 2010*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PSALM**

*The appointed psalm for the day may be said*

*Each psalm may end with*

**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(S)**

*One of more readings appointed for the day are read.*

*After the readings, the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CANTICLE OF BROTHER SUN AND SISTER MOON**

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,  
All praise is Yours, all glory, all honour and all blessings.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong,  
and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures,  
especially Sir Brother Sun,  
Who is the day through whom You give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,  
Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,  
In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,  
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,  
by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,  
So useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,  
through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust  
and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth  
who sustains and governs us,

producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for love of You  
and bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace,  
By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death,  
from whom no-one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin!  
Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will.

No second death can do them harm. Praise and bless my Lord and give  
Him thanks,  
And serve Him with great humility.

*St Francis of Assisi*

**Amen.**

## **CANTICLE: A SONG OF GOD'S REIGN**

**See what the Lord our God has done  
and exalt him in the sight of the living.**

- 1 Blessed be God, who lives for ever,  
    whose reign endures throughout all ages.
- 2 Declare God's praise before the nations,  
    you who are the children of Israel.
- 3 For if our God has scattered you among them,  
    there too has he shown you his greatness.
- 4 Exalt him in the sight of the living,  
    because he is our God and our Father for ever.
- 5 Though God punishes you for your wickedness  
    mercy will be shown to you all.
- 6 God will gather you from every nation,  
    from wherever you have been scattered.
- 7 When you turn to the Lord

with all your heart and soul,

God will hide his face from you no more.

8 See what the Lord has done for you  
and give thanks with a loud voice.

9 Praise the Lord of righteousness  
and exalt the King of the ages.

*Tobit 13:1-6*

**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**

### **PRESENTATION OR ACTIVITY**

*This optional section may be used for seasonal material, or for wider involvement  
e.g. a drama or activity.*

### **HYMN**

### **SERMON/TALK**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit  
who gives his life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

### **HYMN**

**COLLECT**

*The prayer for the day is said*

*Other prayers are said, ending with the Lord's Prayer*

**THE PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation

let us pray as our Redeemer 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.**

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## PEACE

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness

cf James 3:18

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## HYMN

*The offertory may be taken before or during this hymn*

## DISMISSAL

## PRAYER OF THANKS

Generous God,  
creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this money,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use it, use us,  
in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name.  
**Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

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

Blessing and laughter and loving be ours  
the love of a great God who names us and holds us  
while the earth turns and the flowers grow  
this day, this night, this moment and forever.

*Angela Ashwin, The Book of a Thousand Prayers, Zondervan, 2002*

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrating Common Prayer*

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### INTERCESSIONS (I)

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen *N* our bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide *Elizabeth our Queen*; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ...; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [*N* and of] all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole of creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father,  
**Accept our prayers, for the sake of your son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Common Worship*

## INTERCESSIONS (2)

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,  
We pray for all Christian people;  
(especially for..... and for all who teach and guard the faith)  
May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts,  
and knit us together in the bond of your love.  
Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the peoples of the world of all faiths and none, and for those  
in authority amongst them, that they may have the gifts of your wisdom and  
discernment.  
(In particular we pray for...)  
Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our ... (city / town / village / community...)  
for those who live and work here, and for those who visit this place...  
Bring your words of peace to us  
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.  
Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who do not yet believe, but long to know you, the very  
Word of life...  
Help them to hear your voice, and discover your love for them in Christ.  
Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those bowed down with grief or fear  
or who are facing illness or other difficulties  
(Especially we remember...)  
May your living Word bring comfort and healing to all those in need  
Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We give thanks for all those who have died in the faith of Christ  
And we rejoice with (N and) all your saints,  
Trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.  
Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

## **BLESSINGS**

### ***An Uncomfortable Blessing***

May the Spirit bless you with discomfort  
at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships  
so that you will live deep in your heart.

May the Spirit bless you with anger  
at injustice and oppression, the exploitation of people and earth  
so that you will work for justice, equity and peace.

May the Spirit bless you with tears  
to shed for those who suffer  
so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them.

May the Spirit bless you with foolishness  
to think that you can make a difference in the world  
so that you will do the things which others say cannot be done.

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