

Church@Home

Under the shadow of Coronavirus – an outline order for worship

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this season where we are not able to gather together for worship, we can nonetheless worship "as one" by joining with our brothers and sisters in common prayer and reflection. You are encouraged to pray at the time of your normal service (9:30am or 11am), but if this is not possible, this resource can be used at other times.

I have put the headings in **bold blue type** to give shape to the liturgy. Whether you are alone or with others in your household, I would encourage you to say the words in **bold black type** aloud (as if in church) and to read the non-bold text silently.

Each week I will publish a separate resource to use alongside this order of service with hymns and special prayers. Those who have access to the internet may also like to use the links to extra resources (e.g. music for the hymns), but I trust what is included in hard-copy only will be sufficiently helpful.

With prayers for you all and love in Christ Jesus,

Revd Mark Dunstan

Sentence of Scripture

A 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.

Hymn 1

Collect

Confession and Absolution:

John writes:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

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
(cf. Psalm 51)

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

(John 3.16)

Hear what Saint Paul says: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1.15)

Reading 1

Hymn 2

Reading 2

Creed

Sermon

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

Hymn 3

Blessing