

# Morning Worship at home



## Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with us

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

### *The Word of God*

## Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,  
To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
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*

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.

## Bible Reading

Reflection (see separate sheet)

## The 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.

### *Prayers*

## Intercessions

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with us today, as we offer ourselves to you. Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves, and keep us in your care.

*Prayers may include these concerns*

*The Church / creation / human society / the Queen and those in authority / the local community / those who suffer / the communion of saints*

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

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.

### *The Conclusion*

## Hymn

## The Blessing

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.