

Worship at Home

A Service of the Word

Introduction

This Order of Service has been prepared for use at home. God meets with us wherever we are. These words can help us connect with Him. You will need a Bible and may want to include Christian music as well.

**Say: This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in Him. (Psalm 118.24)**

You may wish to begin with a time of silence or a prayer, to put away the distractions of the day and to focus on God. You may want to play a piece of music, or sing hymns or Christian songs to help you worship.

We say sorry to God

We come before God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. We say:

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word of God: a reading from the Bible

Bible readings may be from a Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). They can include a Psalm or scripture from the Old or New Testaments.

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

Reflection

Ask yourself, what does the Bible passage show me about God? What does it tell me about people? Is there anything I need to think about?

We declare our faith in God

We share our faith with people around the world and across the ages.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers

A Collect or Gathering Prayer

Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son, may we know your love for us, that in humility, love and joy we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

We bring our needs and concerns to God, then say 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.

Final Blessing

Conclude with these words of blessing (from 2 Corinthians 13.14):

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