**A Sunday Service for Use at Home**

**Introduction**

This is the day that the Lord has made.   
I will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Confession**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

God my Heavenly Father,  
I come to you in sorrow for my sins...

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for my life;  
*Father, forgive me.*

For behaving just as I wish,  
without thinking of you;  
*Father, forgive me.*

For failing you by what I do,  
and think and say;  
*Father, forgive me.*

For letting myself be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about me;

*Father, forgive me.*

For living as if I am ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
*Father, forgive me.*

*Silence*

**Prayer for Absolution**

Lord, enrich me with your grace and nourish me with your blessing.  
Lord, defend me in trouble and keep me from all evil.  
Lord, accept my prayers and absolve me from my offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Saviour. Amen.

**Response of Praise**

You are worthy, O Lord my God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.  
For you have created all things,  
and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation.You have made them to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God,  
and they will reign with you on earth.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever.   
Amen.

**First Bible Reading** (please see separate sheet)

*After the reading…*

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

**Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)**

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;   
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

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.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;   
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting   
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*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.*

**Second Bible Reading** (please see separate sheet)

*After the reading…*

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

**Intercessions**

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,   
hear my prayer for all your people;  
for Bishop Richard,

for all Christian leaders,  
and for those 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.  
*Hear my prayer good Lord.*

I pray for the leaders of the nations,  
and for those in authority under them…   
Give them the gift of your wisdom,  
and a right discernment in all things.

*Hear my prayer good Lord.*

I pray for my community…  
for those who live and work here,  
and for those who visit this place . . .  
Speak your word of peace in our midst,  
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

*Hear my prayer good Lord.*

I pray for those who do not believe,  
and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life…   
Open their ears to hear your voice,  
and open their hearts to the knowledge   
of your love in Christ.

*Hear my prayer good Lord.*

I pray for those bowed down

with grief, fear or sickness,  
especially in this time of crisis…  
May your living Word bring comfort and healing   
to all those in need.

*Hear my prayer good Lord.*

I give thanks for all those who have died

in the faith of Christ  
and rejoice with all your saints,  
trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.  
*Hear my prayer good Lord.*

*and make your people one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.*

*You might like to add your own prayers*

*for family, friends and neighbours…*

*or for wider concerns in the world…*

*You might like to thank God for special joys, mercies or gifts…*

*You might like to spend some time with God in silence…*

The Collect of the Day (please see separate sheet)

***The Lord’s Prayer*** *may be said in this, or the traditional version.*

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.

**Closing Prayers**

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help me, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To him who is able to keep us from falling  
and to present his beloved children without blemish  
before the presence of his glory with rejoicing,  
to the only God, our Saviour

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,  
before all time and now and for ever. Amen.