

Morning Worship



(You may like to have a Bible handy, light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background)

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.

Silence is kept.

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

(The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 23. Last week our Gospel reading was the story of the Samaritan woman. You may like to read the remaining part of that chapter of John's Gospel: John 4: 43-54, Jesus heals an official's son)

Prayer for Others

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.

A Prayer for when you can't get to church

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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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This Sunday Evening

This Sunday evening Churches Together in Devon in common with Churches Together throughout England are asking that at 7pm this Sunday, you light a candle in the windows of your home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. They say:

‘We note that this call to prayer and action comes on Mothering Sunday: a time of thankfulness, remembering especially mothers who have served us, often in very costly ways.

It is also a very mixed day for many. For some the remembrance is painful, and for others Mothering Sunday is a reminder of disappointment or loss.

In many ways, this period under the shadow of the coronavirus will be prompting similarly diverse reactions and so it seems especially appropriate that the call to prayer is made this Sunday.

At this time of uncertainty join in with the National Day of Prayer and Action, lighting a candle of hope.’

“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you” 1 Peter 5:7

Night Prayer



(You may like to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background)

Opening Sentences

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

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

Silence is kept.

Prayers for Others

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.

The Collect

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 Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand
and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.
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.