

# **A Service: for worship at home for July**



## **Welcome**

We meet in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Keep a short silence, still your heart.*

As God's people we have gathered;  
Let us worship God now together, in our own homes yet joined through faith.

Let us pray.  
Faithful One, whose word is life:  
come with saving power to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer and shape our lives.  
For the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Confession:*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.  
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

*(cf Titus 2:11)*

*Keep a short silence for self examination*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven  
and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought,  
word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen**

### *Absolution:*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*We pray the collect for today*

*We read the Bible readings for today*

## **The Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*We read the Gospel for today*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Profession of Faith**

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

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.

*cf Ephesians 3*

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

*Pray for yourself in your isolation, that God would sit with you*

*Pray for others in their loneliness*

*Pray for our country*

*Pray for the world*

## **The Peace**

Blessed are the peacemakers:

they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## **Preparation of the Table**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

*If you not watching the online service, you can omit The Eucharistic Prayer and rejoin with the Lord's Prayer; alternatively, you may like to meditate on the words of the Eucharist Prayer as part of your devotions.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.  
On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.  
Bring us at the last with St Mary and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

*Silence is kept*

### **A prayer for communion in separation**

*You are invited to make a Spiritual Communion, using this or a similar prayer:*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

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.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Loving Father, you have made us your people, richly provided us with good gifts and called us to live for you. May gratitude be in our hearts, may generosity be in our hands, may justice and righteousness guide our feet, and may the life of your kingdom and the joy of heaven be found among us. **Amen.**

Fill us, Good Lord with your Spirit of love; and as you have fed us with your presence, so make us one in heart and mind, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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