



## Church at home

**Worship space** - One of the reasons we like to worship in church is that the surroundings speak to us of peace, hope and the transcendent. But God is not confined to churches. God upholds every atom of the universe by his love, which means he is closer to us than we are to ourselves, wherever we may be. When we pray and worship we seek to pay attention to, and offer our lives to God who is always with us.

Taking simple steps to make the place where you worship at home peaceful can help transform worship from 'watching something on the computer' to something inspirational. Maybe open the window if it is a nice day to get some fresh air, light a candle and put it next to a cross, or icon if you have one. If you don't have a cross and would like one speak to Barnaby and he will try to help.

### Daily Prayer

There are lots of resources for daily prayer. Barnaby uses the Roman Catholic daily office each day. When you get the hang of it, the office is really simple, and if recited slowly (it takes about 10 to 15 minutes) can help 'frame' the day with prayer and reading scripture. Don't worry about it being Catholic. Lots of Anglicans use it for its simplicity (and brevity). You can always leave out the times where the Pope is prayed for.

If you would like to join Barnaby in prayer from your home, you can find the Roman Catholic daily office free online at [universalis.com/index-detail.htm](http://universalis.com/index-detail.htm) or you can download the app onto your iPhone or android phone.

If you would prefer to pray the Daily prayer from the Church of England (which is still really good), you can find this at [www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer](http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer)

There are many online resources to help you pray and meditate at home. Here is a small selection:

One excellent resource is Pray As You Go with a short input for each day.

[www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

Maybe this would be a good time to try meditation? The way of centring prayer is simple and works well for many people. You can find resources for this at [www.contemplativeoutreachuk.com](http://www.contemplativeoutreachuk.com)

### Sunday Worship

If you would like to see the service live, you will need to create a facebook account before 10.30am on Sunday, and go to our facebook page [facebook.com/WestClandonChurch](https://facebook.com/WestClandonChurch) The order of service for this Sunday is below, with two hymns and readings.

## **Sunday Collection**

Putting money in the collection bag for all of us is something much more than paying subs to an organisation. It is an act of worship to God, giving thanks to God for the goodness and plenty he has given us, by giving back to God some of that plenty.

Giving money to support God's church can't happen through the collections at Sunday services at the moment. We usually scrape by each year thanks to the work of Alison, our treasurer and your generosity, but the Coronavirus outbreak could prove very difficult for our church financially.

The pastoral work of the church goes on though, and the church still needs to be maintained. **If you haven't done it before now is the best time for you to think about setting up a monthly standing order. This is the most helpful way for the church to receive your giving (it helps us plan and budget better knowing what we have coming in).**

**If everyone who could afford it pledges to give at least £5 or £10 a week (so a monthly standing order of £20-£40)** as part of their worship to God, our church will financially weather the storm of Coronavirus, continue its valued pastoral work, and be able to start up its work within the community (youth group, Messy Church, Tuesday cafe etc.) as soon as we are able to gather socially again.

Please do think seriously about supporting your church in this way at this very difficult time. If you would like to set up a monthly standing order, please contact our treasurer, Alison Hague on [\*\*alison.hague@mailbox.org\*\*](mailto:alison.hague@mailbox.org)

## **Prayers to use if you are worried**

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.

O God, help me to trust you,  
help me to know that you are with me,  
help me to believe that nothing  
can separate me from your love  
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

## **Church at Home, Sunday 21 March 2020**

### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)**

#### **First Hymn**

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*The priest greets everyone*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

**All    Amen**

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

**All    and also with you**

*The priest introduces the service and then invites everyone to join in prayer*

**All    Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and ask for God's forgiveness*

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you plead for us at the right hand of the  
Father:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest assures the people of God's forgiveness and prays the collect for the day*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*We hear the first scripture reading.*

A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians (3.12-17)

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love,

which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Reader This is the word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

*The priest introduces the gospel reading:*

The Lord be with you  
**All And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Luke (2.33-35)

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

"Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**All Praise to you, O Christ**

*The priest preaches the sermon*

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The following responses, or other suitable responses are used.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**All hear our prayer.**

## **The Peace**

*The priest introduces the peace:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**All And also with you**

Lift up your hearts  
**All We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise**

*The priest gives thanks to God for his faithfulness to the human race and his goodness in sending his Son to be our Saviour, after which we sing:*

**All 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.**

*The priest prays for the Holy Spirit to make the bread and wine the body and blood of Christ for us, and recalls Jesus' words at the Last Supper, after which we use the following response:*

Christ is the bread of life:  
**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

*The Prayer continues, and concludes with words of praise to God:*

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.  
**All Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us to pray

**All 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*As the priest breaks the bread we use the following response:*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**All Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
grant us your peace.**

## Invitation to Communion

*The priest invites the people to receive communion,*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**All Jesus Christ is holy.  
Jesus Christ is Lord.  
To the Glory of God the Father.**

*The Church of England has always believed that when we desire to receive the presence of Jesus Christ but are prevented from doing so, our love and devotion to the Lord mean that we make a 'Spiritual Communion' in our hearts. As you look at the altar where Jesus Christ is present, perhaps say the following prayer as a way of receiving Christ's presence:*

**My dear Lord Jesus Christ,  
I believe that you are present  
in the most holy sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already with me,  
and I unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## Final hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## Blessing and dismissal

*The priest blesses the congregation*

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you**

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.

**All Amen.**

*The service is concluded with the following response:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**