

The Conclusion

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;

hold fast that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak;

help the afflicted; honour everyone;

love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you

and remain with you always.

Amen.

That concludes our worship this morning.

May you go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ.

May God be present with you in all that you think, say and do today.

And may you bring everything back to God tonight, before you sleep.

NAMBUCCA VALLEY ANGLICANS WORSHIP at HOME

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How to use this “Worship at Home” booklet: Morning Prayer

This service booklet is to assist in worshipping God while we are not able to meet together in church due to the current Covid restrictions.

I have used “we” rather than “I” so we might imagine worshipping together. If we all use this booklet at 8.30 am on Sunday morning, we might more easily feel we are not alone in our worship.

Please use this booklet as will best help you, saying parts aloud or quietly and inwardly reading. I have left some blank space to let the service “breathe” and leave room for notes.

Maybe say or read the service slower than normal and let the words do their work in bringing us closer to God in all we think, do and say.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at HOME

Light a Candle Jesus is the light of the world. John 8:12

The Sentence of Scripture

Read the Sentence of Scripture for Day as appointed by the Lectionary
This is provided in [The Home Sunday Worship Supplement](#)

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, acknowledge the

Bundjalung,
Arakwal,
Yaegl,
Githabul,
Gumbayngirr,
Dunghutti and
Birpai

peoples, traditional custodians of these lands on which this Diocese is based; and we pay tribute and respect to the elders of these nations and peoples, both past and present, and acknowledge their connection with and care for this country.



The Lord's Prayer

We say together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples

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.
Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect of the Day

Read the Collect Prayer of the Day as appointed by the Lectionary
This is provided in [The Home Sunday Worship Supplement](#)

Read the Collect Prayer of the Week during the week ahead
This is provided in [The Home Sunday Worship Supplement](#)

Silence may be kept.

We conclude our time of prayers with the following prayer for the current lockdown:

Loving God, source of healing and comfort,
at this time of fear, fill us with your grace,
that the sick may be made whole,
this virus contained and a cure found.
Strengthen those who care for the sick,
calm the anxious and protect the most vulnerable,
in the power of the Spirit and
in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preparation

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

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

A Song of Christ's Goodness

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you:
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride:
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds:
in sickness you nurse us
and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life:
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness:
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead:
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us:
in your love and tenderness, remake us.

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness:
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

Anselm of Canterbury

Opening Prayer

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.

Maybe use the space below to make some prayer notes for the day/week ahead. These would be useful for an "Examen" at the end of the day, when we slow down and tarry a while with God.

Centre	Slow down and become aware of your surroundings, and God
Gratitude	What am I especially grateful for today?
Review	What brought me joy? What challenged me?
Turn to God	What could I have said or done differently?
Look Forward	In what spirit do I want to enter tomorrow?

Prayers for Others

Take as much time as you need to hold before God those people and places on your heart at this time.

If you need any prompts, please use the prayers on today's Pew Sheet.

Below is some space for notes and reminders through the week.

The Affirmation of Faith

We believe
in God the creator -
who gives birth to all that is
with labour and sighing,
and looks to the world with joy and love.

We believe
in Christ the reconciler,
who is earthed in our life and enfleshed in its
patterns of dying and rising,
who gives honour to our reality and
grace to our way.

We believe
in God the free Spirit,
who weeps with our grievings
in the depths of our darkness
and dances among us high on life's mountains - the Spirit
who finds us with
newness and hope.

We believe
in the community of faith,
which is born of our humanness,
is nurtured in sharing
and grows whole in our struggling
and celebration
as one people of God.
Amen.

Confession

Take a moment to reflect and prepare

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.

In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

After another moment of reflection, read these Words of Assurance:

I John 1.9 tells us that,
'If we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

The Word of God

Read the Psalm of the day as appointed by the Lectionary
This is provided in [The Home Sunday Worship Supplement](#)

Psalm

Read the Bible readings appointed by the Lectionary
These are provided in [The Home Sunday Worship Supplement](#)

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Gospel

Homily

Read the Homily or Reflection on the readings.
provided in [The Home Sunday Worship Supplement](#)

A time of silence for reflection

The Song of Mary (Magnificat)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

For you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly servant:
From this day all generations will call me blessed.

You, the Almighty, have done great things for me:
and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you:
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly

You have filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.47-55