

The Conclusion and Benediction

If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation.

One Home, One Body. (A work in progress)

We see God around us. We see God within us.

We give thanks to our Creator.

Let us show the caring nature God has instilled within us by imagining greeting each other with a sign of God's peace, love, forgiveness and grace.

The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.
And also with you.

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To reflect God's glory in creation.

(CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme)

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.

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.

NAMBUCCAVALLEY ANGLICANS WORSHIP at HOME

05.09.2021



SEASON OF CREATION



Renewing the Oikos of God

How to use this “WORSHIP at HOME” booklet for the Season of Creation 2021

This service booklet is to assist in worshipping God while we are not in church due to the current Covid restrictions. For the **Season of Creation** - 1 Sep thru to 4 Oct - the shape of the service is the same but the words are quite different in many places to reflect our focus in worship.

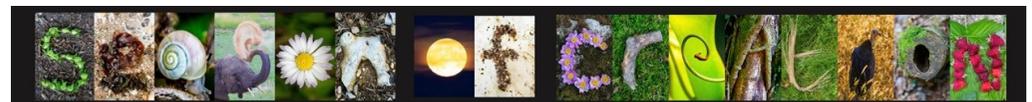
Throughout, I have used “we” rather than “I” in the hope that we can imagine worshipping together. If we use this booklet at 8.30 am at home

on Sunday morning, we can imagine 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 a lot of 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.

If you can visit our website at www.nambuccavalleyanglicans.com you will find lots of extras to help bless and challenge your worship through the week.



SUNDAY MORNING HOME WORSHIP

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

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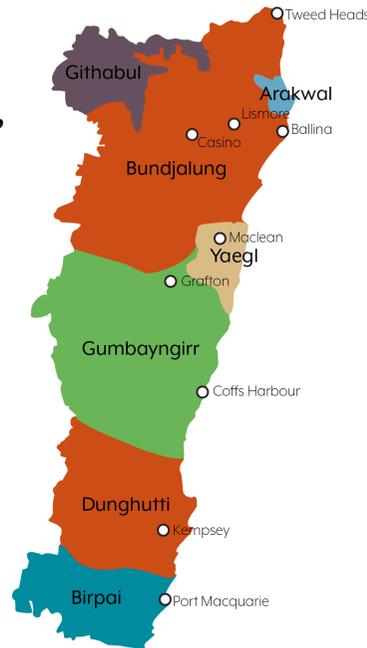
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peoples, traditional custodians of
these lands on which this Diocese
is based;

and we pay tribute and respect to the elders of these na-
tions and

peoples, both past and present,
and acknowledge their connection
with and care for this country.



The Lord's Prayer

We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your beloved community of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of
the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa. This version of the Lord's prayer was influenced by Maori theologians

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](#)

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

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Every Part of This Earth is Sacred

Every part of this earth is sacred.
Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.
The air is precious;
for all of us share the same breath.
This we know, the earth does not belong to us:
we belong to the earth.
This we know, all things are connected;
like the blood which unites one family.
Our God is the same God,
whose compassion is equal for all.
For we did not weave the web of life:
we are merely a strand in it.
Whatever we do to the web
we do to ourselves.

Adapted from a speech by Chief Seattle (1854)

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?

Prayer of Confession for our Common Home by Byron Smith

Take a moment to reflect and prepare

Creator of the cosmos,

You have filled this good Earth with complex wonders,
abundant beauty, resilient interdependencies,
and you invite us to share this abode with all your guests:
with bandicoots and banksias, bacteria and blue whales, and
the billions of beings like us.

We belong to the Holy Trinity,
who is one in all and Three-in-One.
In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved,
in the Spirit we are all united.
Together, we belong to the Earth,
our common home.
The Earth that is the Lord's,
and all that is in it.

Per Harling

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.



Silence may be kept.

We turn to the West:

The place of seeing, there is born a vision of the servant
of the servants, who proclaimed the Gospel to us.
Guide us at the end of each day and fill us with your peace.
And we pray, Come Holy Spirit, Come

We turn to the North:

We look to God our Creator who cleanses
our earth with snow, wind, and rain.
To Jesus who fills us with the wideness of mercy and
grace and lovingly embraces all the people.
And the Holy Spirit who comes to inspire us.
And we pray, Come Holy Spirit, Come

(adapted from Celebrating Creation: Honoring Indigenous People,
Kelly Sherman-Conroy, ELCA)

Profession of Faith

We belong to the Creator
in whose image we are all made.
In God we are breathing, in God we are living,
in God we share the life of all creation.
We belong to Jesus Christ,
the true icon of God and of humanity.
In him God is breathing, in him God is living,
through him we are reconciled.
We belong to the Holy Spirit,
who gives us new life and strengthens our faith.
In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth is living,
the breath of God always moves us.

But we have abused your divine hospitality.
We've made a right mess of the place.
We have kicked out other residents and falsely
claimed ownership for ourselves.

We grieve the coral bleached white,
the forests burned black,
the dwindling glaciers,
the silenced birdsong,
the oceans emptying of fish and filling with plastic.

Forgive us our habitual greed,
our stunted empathy,
our careful ignorance.
Forgive our complicity in systems built on lies,
that extract too much and funnel wealth
into the pockets of too few.

Fill our lungs with your fresh wind, your Holy Breath,
your life-giving Spirit, that we may sing songs of
resistance, renewal, revolution, and
that we may walk together in the true and
living way of Jesus so that in you, all may find a home. 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

Thanksgiving for the Earth

How might God bless us today and guide our feet in the way of peace?

Creator, the strength of all creatures, we honour you.
Listen to the thoughts of your people.
We honour your Spirit who renews the world and
calls us to care for your creation to
the East, to the South, to the West and to the North.
We live by the ways you have entrusted to us
within the circle of life.
Come Great Spirit as we gather in your name.

(We turn our bodies to the **Four Directions** as we pray the following prayers.
Begin by turning toward the East and continue to turn, with each prayer, in a
clockwise direction)

We face East:

The place of dawning, there is beauty in the morning,
there the seeker finds new visions as each sacred day is born.
All who honor life around them, all who honor life within,
shall shine with light & glory when the morning comes again.
And we pray, Come Holy Spirit, Come

We turn to the South:

In the South, the place of growing,
there is wisdom in the earth,
both the painful song of dying and joyful song of birth.
As the Earth gives up her lifeblood so that her children's
hearts may beat, so we give back to her our reverence
for the holy ground beneath our feet.
And we pray, Come Holy Spirit, Come