



Communal Prayer in a Season of Isolation

Anglican Parish of Clevedon

Over centuries, the church has maintained a sense of connection with those at a distance by sharing in common worship: reading the same scriptures and following the same liturgies. We find ourselves in a strange season, seeking to remain connected while living in isolation. This resource is an attempt to draw us together in prayer, while remaining at a physical distance.

The text in this resource comes from 'Morning and Evening Worship' in A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.

You can print this (as a booklet if you have the technology) or simply open the document and follow along.

If you have access to the internet, worship will be streamed on the parish Facebook Page at 9.30am on Sundays. Search for Anglican Parish of Clevedon and follow the page. (You don't need to be a Facebook user to watch the live stream. Just click the X in the login prompt box and it will bypass.)

Please continue to pray for each other in the parish, for our leaders and those working to keep us safe.

If you are in need of pastoral care or would just like a chat, be in touch with Sarah on 09 5329361 or 021 024 53783.

Gathering

We begin by lighting a candle in our respective homes

Scripture says,

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Opening Song

See Songs and Psalms Resource

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Brothers and sisters in Christ,
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

**All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.**

Hear these words of scripture.
Love one another, for love is of God,
and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Let us pause and, in silence,
remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.
Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others
as our Saviour Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

Psalm

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First Reading

See the Lectionary

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

1 The steadfast love of the Lord ' never ' ceases:
God's mercies ' never ' come · to an ' end;

2 They are new ' every ' morning:
your ' faithfulness · O ' Lord is ' great.

3 You are ' all · that I ' have:
and ' therefore ' I will ' wait for you.

4 You O Lord are good to ' those who ' wait for you:
to ' all ' those who ' seek you.

5† It is good to ' wait in ' patience:
for the sal'vation ' of the ' Lord.

Lamentations 3:22-26

Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;
as it was in the beginning · is ' now:
and shall be for ' ever. ' A'men.

Song

See Songs and Psalms Resource

New Testament Reading

See the Lectionary

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray
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.**

Lenten Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at oppression and injustice
so that you may work for freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in the world
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

And the blessing of God:
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life
be with you this day and always.
Amen.

Song

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Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

We extinguish the candle