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WORSHIP AT HOME

Ordinary Time, Lent and Passiontide.

Ordinary time is when there isn't a special season.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

Passiontide runs from the 5th Sunday of Lent to Easter Eve.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All

**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.**

May the Father of all mercies, cleanse *you* from your sins and restore *you* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Morning Prayer

This or another sentence may be said:

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him. *Nahum 1.7*

Opening Sentences

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

During Lent:

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love.
according to your judgement give us life.

During Passiontide:

All Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will.
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

During Lent:

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Opening Prayer During Passiontide:

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
your only Son was lifted up
that he might draw the whole world to himself.
May we walk this day in the way of the cross
and always be ready to share its weight,
declaring your love for all the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

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.

Psalm: *See Table of Readings for the Psalm and Bible Readings for
each day in the Magazine or News and Prayer Update.*

**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. Amen.**

Bible Readings:

Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have
brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from
falling into sin or running into danger; order us in all our
doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your
sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The following prayer and other prayers or intercessions may follow:

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.

Collect (s)

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we,
worthily lamenting our sins and
acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

(or)

**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.**

The Conclusion

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.

During Lent:

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.:
Thanks be to God.

During Passiontide:

May Christ who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.:
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer

This or another sentence may be said:

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33.27

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: Blessed be God for ever.

During Lent:

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

All: according to your judgement give us life.

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

During Passiontide:

Let your ways be known upon earth
your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we behold your son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and walk with you in newness of life
singing the praise of him who died
for us and our salvation.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your Spirit come down upon us
to set us free to sing your praise
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Psalm

Readings

The Song of Mary - Magnificat

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
2. From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3. He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
4. He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
5. casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
6. He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
7. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
8. The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**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.
Amen.**

Prayers/Intercessions

The Evening Collect

Lighten our darkness,
Lord we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Collect During Lent

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we,
worthily lamenting our sins and
acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

Collect During Passiontide:

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer See page 5.

The Conclusion

***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.***

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

During Lent and Passiontide:

May Christ who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

Amen.

Night Prayer or Telephone Worship Service

*(For the telephone number and entry number please contact
Chris Stanisstreet or another member of the ministry team.)*

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.
Deuteronomy 33.27

Opening Sentences

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Pause and reflect on the day that is past.

**All: 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.**

O God, make speed to save us.
All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

**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. Amen.**

**All: Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.**

**From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.**

Psalm

You may wish to say here the psalms given below, or another psalm.

Psalm 16

1. Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦
upon those who are noble in heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦
in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

7 I have set the Lord always before me; ♦
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦
my flesh also shall rest secure.
9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
10 You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**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. Amen.**

During Lent and Passiontide: Psalm 139. 1-18

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ♦
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place ♦
and are acquainted with all my ways.
3 For there is not a word on my tongue, ♦
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
4 You encompass me behind and before ♦
and lay your hand upon me.
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, ♦
so high that I cannot attain it.
6 Where can I go then from your spirit? ♦
Or where can I flee from your presence?
7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; ♦
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
8 If I take the wings of the morning ♦
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
9 Even there your hand shall lead me, ♦
your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me ♦
and the light around me turn to night,'
11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day; ♦
darkness and light to you are both alike.
12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; ♦
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ♦
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
14 My frame was not hidden from you, ♦
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; ♦
already in your book were all my members written,
16 As day by day they were fashioned ♦
when as yet there was none of them.
17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! ♦
How great is the sum of them!
18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, ♦
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

Glory to the Father.....

Or

Psalm 134

1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ♦
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary ♦
and bless the Lord.
3 The Lord who made heaven and earth ♦
give you blessing out of Zion.

Glory to the Father.....

Bible Reading

(Followed by Reflection in Telephone Service)

Prayers

Merciful God,
we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be present, O merciful God,
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect During Lent:

Almighty God,
may we, by the prayer and discipline of Lent,
enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings;
that by following in the Way,
we may come to share in the glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect During Passiontide:

Almighty God,
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,
help us to see and know your love for us,
so that in humility, love and joy
we may place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are:
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Or The Evening Collect - See page 10.

The Lord's Prayer See page 5.

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

During Ordinary Time:

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
The Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

During Lent and Passiontide:

May God bless us,
that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace.

Other Prayers to Use

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.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated

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.

For the Christian Community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

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