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WORSHIP AT HOME

*Easter Season and
Ascension until the Day of Pentecost*

Easter and Ascension to the Day of Pentecost.

Easter Season runs from Easter Day to Ascension Day.

The next season doesn't have a title in Common Worship but runs from the Ascension until the Day of Pentecost. Some people know this as Ascensiontide with Ordinary Time beginning again from the Day of Pentecost.

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.**

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 Easter Season:

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Ascension Day:

Your throne has been established from of old;
you are from everlasting. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the darkness of death you have raised your Christ
to the right hand of your majesty on high.
The pioneer of our faith, his passion accomplished,
has opened for us the way to heaven
and sends on us the promised Spirit.
May we be ready to follow the Way
and so be brought to the glory of his presence
where songs of triumph for ever sound:
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Between The Ascension and the Day of Pentecost

Send your Holy Spirit among us,
and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, creator God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on us today
that we may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.
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 in Easter Season

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect for Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son
our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Collect between The Ascension and the Day of Pentecost

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is
gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

(Please see page 2 for another version of the Lord's Prayer.)

The Conclusion

During Easter Season:

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.
Amen.

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

Ascension Day:

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.
Amen.

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

Between the Ascension and the Day of Pentecost:

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.
Amen.

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

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.**

Easter Season

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.
As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Ascension Day:

All: Your throne has been established from of old.
you are from everlasting. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the darkness of death you have raised your Christ
to the right hand of your majesty on high.
The pioneer of our faith, his passion accomplished,
has opened for us the way to heaven
and sends on us the promised Spirit.
May we be ready to follow the Way
and so be brought to the glory of his presence
where songs of triumph for ever sound:
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

From the Day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost:

Send your Holy spirit among us.

and clothe your people with power from on high. Alleluia

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Raised to your right hand on high
the ascended Christ shows the prints of love
and bestows on us the gifts of grace.
As your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
and reveal your glory in all the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem *(or another suitable hymn)*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts His chains,
Crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains
To wake th'imprison'd dead.

Triumphant in His glory now
His sceptre ruleth all
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into His palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.

(Fulbert of Chartres, Tr: Robert Campbell)
(Tune: CM)

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. **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 Easter Season - See Morning Prayer - page 6

Collect for Ascension Day - See Morning Prayer - page 6

Collect between Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost:

See Morning Prayer - page 6

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.**

During Easter Season

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Between the Ascension and the Day of Pentecost

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.
Amen.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

Easter Season

Psalm 104: 21 - 33

- 21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, ♦
and the sun knows the time for its setting.
- 22 You make darkness that it may be night, ♦
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
- 23 The lions roar for their prey ♦
and seek their food from God.
- 24 The sun rises and they are gone ♦
to lay themselves down in their dens.
- 25 People go forth to their work ♦
and to their labour until the evening.
- 26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and
great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦
 which you have made to play in the deep.
29 All of these look to you ♦
 to give them their food in due season.
30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦
 you open your hand and they are filled with good.
31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦
 when you take away their breath,
 they die and return again to the dust.
32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦
 and you renew the face of the earth.
33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
 may the Lord rejoice in his works;

**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.**

Between Ascension and the Day of Pentecost

Psalm 86

1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, ♦
 for I am poor and in misery.
2 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; ♦
 save your servant, for I put my trust in you.
3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; ♦
 I call upon you all the day long.
4 Gladden the soul of your servant, ♦
 for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, ♦
 abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer ♦
 and listen to the voice of my supplication.
7 In the day of my distress I will call upon you, ♦
 for you will answer me.

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 Easter Season:

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.
May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love.

Amen.

Between Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost:

May the Holy spirit of God bless and sanctify us
so that we may be consecrated in the truth.

Amen.

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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