

# *Morning Worship*

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Morning Worship here at the Parish churches of Coxley with Godney, Henton, and Wookey. Although we cannot meet together physically, it is hoped that following this liturgy, knowing that others in the benefice will be doing so at the same time, might help provide a spiritual connection between us and bring about a sense of community between the followers of Jesus Christ.

It is suggested that alongside this liturgy you have a means to listen to the suggested hymns which have links to videos with lyrics within this document. If you do not know the tune then why not listen to the hymn/song and worship through reading the words alone.

The service is designed to be used easily by one person. If there is more than one person participating, either one can lead with others joining in with the responses in **bold** OR everyone present may join in with all the words.

The sections in *red italics* are rubrics: these explain what needs to happen at various points.

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# MORNING WORSHIP

## GREETING

Praise God! For even though we are apart the Lord is in our midst!  
**Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Though we cannot be present with our church community,  
**we rejoice that Christ is in our midst,  
he is with us always, until the end of the age!** *Matthew 28:20*

## HYMN: OCEANS

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## CONFESSION AND WORDS OF COMFORT

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us,  
bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead  
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A period of silent reflection follows*

Hear the words of comfort, our Saviour Christ says to all who truly  
turn to him:

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish  
but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

*A period of silent prayer is kept.*

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Hear what God is saying to his people according to the letter of  
1 Thessalonians.

**1**<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,<sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.<sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,<sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.<sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.<sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,<sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

## THE SERMON

Download the sermon for this week [here](#).

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

Everlasting God, we give thanks for this new day;  
as we gather here this morning to focus on what it means to  
be your Church,  
let us remember that only through your power can we do  
the work of your Church.

May we be filled with such confidence as we believe in you  
that our hearts overflow with love for you and for all who we  
meet along our journey.

May we walk in your way, live our life for you and be mindful of  
your presence day by day.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, we remember all countries where there is war or  
conflict;

We pray particularly for the United States as they prepare for the  
change of presidency and ask that you might bring peace to that  
divided country.

Look in mercy on all who are suffering because of war or conflict.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Queen and government. We ask for wisdom in their governance as they try to navigate this country through the on-going pandemic. Sharpen their consciences and give them courage to make the right decisions to meet the needs of all who are suffering in this country.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God we pray for those who face difficulties in their personal lives.

We raise before you all who are sick, the bereaved, those with problems in their families, in their relationships, in their neighbourhoods or in their workplace. We specifically bring before you all those who are struggling with consequences of lock-down - those who are self-isolating; those who are working from home; and those who are home schooling.

Give them a patient faith in their troubles and the knowledge that you share their sufferings with them.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for making us your children and joining us into the body of Christ that is your church giving us the confidence to know that our prayers are brought before you and you listen to them.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our saviour,  
Jesus Christ. 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.

### **HYMN: YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS**

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### **DISMISSAL**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**