

Morning Worship for Lent



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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: 10,000 REASONS

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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.

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries to his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hear what God is saying to his people according to the letter to the Galatians.

4 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

Use the silence between each prayer to bring before God your own concerns around that topic.

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has made it possible for our prayers to be brought directly before God. Trusting in this, let us bring our intercessions before God.

Heavenly Father, who created this world and will one day renew it, we pray for your creation and all who dwell in it.

We ask that you might guide all who govern,
bless them with wisdom and compassion for your world;
help them to make good decisions as countries around the world continue to deal with the ongoing effects of the coronavirus.

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, having lived as a man you experienced the highs and lows of life just as we do.

We thank you that you journey alongside us in the rich tapestry of life that we experience,
that you join us in our celebrations and console us when we weep.

We pray for all who are struggling at this time;
we ask that you might raise them if they are low,
heal them if they are sick,
and encourage them in their faith, that they might know you are with them.

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, you move like a wind across the face of the earth;
may your powerful presence transform this world making it more
and more into your kingdom.
Empower us, as God's people, to bring the light of Christ to our
communities through words of compassion and acts of love and faith.

Silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, accept these prayers, on
behalf of your faithful people. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

God in Community, Holy in One,
May we see you, hear you, and know you as we move through this
Lenten season, even as we pray as Jesus has taught us, saying:

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: BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

[Listen here](#)

DISMISSAL

Go now with God, on your journey through Lent;
Go now with Jesus, walking wherever he leads;
Go now with the Spirit, who encourages us on our journey.

And 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.

