

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: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

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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.

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly
mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God
and Father your work of faith and labour of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 manage the
consequences of the insurrection that happened this week at the
Capitol 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: PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

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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.