

# *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 GLORY LAUD AND HONOUR

[Listen here](#)

## 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.*

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way to the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Hear what God is saying to his people according to the gospel of John.

**12** <sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

## 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

After a year of weariness,  
we struggle to put one foot in front of the other,  
if we manage to pull ourselves out of bed each morning.  
But you take us by the hand Lord,  
Your steadfast love with us,  
as we walk through the streets of your community of grace and  
wonder,  
listening to the songbirds.

After a year of endless stories  
of those who refuse to be cautious,  
who couldn't care less about others,  
we try to keep our ears from being stuffed with cotton,  
Word of hope for all,  
so we might learn how to listen,  
to the hearts which are ignored  
by everyone, everywhere.

After a year of staying in place,  
it is no wonder we want to run away  
for the days of exhaustion,  
the overwhelming worries,  
the fears that are velcroed to us,  
so model for us,

Peace of the weary,  
how to dare to bear the injustices  
of all those blamed by far too many  
for these days in which we find ourselves.  
Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

God in Community, Holy in One,  
May we see you, hear you, and know you as we journey with you  
towards the cross this week, 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: RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

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## 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.**

