



This short act of worship has been produced for you if you are unable to attend church. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.

Call: Who is it that you seek?

Response: We seek the Lord our God.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Response: Amen. Christ, have mercy.

Declaration of faith

To whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed and have come to know
that You are the Holy One of God.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.

Lord, you are steadfast in your love and infinite in your mercy; I praise you for what you have done in my life ...(take a few moments to name the good things)

Thank you for the gift of Jesus who shows us what you are really like.

You welcome sinners and invite them to be your guests. Forgive me when I have felt myself to be better than other people.

I confess my sins, trusting in you to forgive me.....

Gods assurance:

God always forgives those who repent of their sins, and believe and trusts in Him

Scripture Readings (see booklet for daily readings_

Meditate – Think on them and ask God what the readings may be saying to you.

Prayers

A time of prayer

God of all hope I call on you today. I pray for those who are living in fear: Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us all a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty:

For those people who are worried about attending worship.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for other

For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.

Grant us your wisdom., grant your peace I pray for the afflicted and sorrowful and for all who need my prayers.

I especially want to pray for

Holy God, I remember that you have promised that Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Eternal God, through your Son you have filled each person's life with your presence. Help us in our sufferings and trials and strengthen us in our weakness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father Who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name

They kingdom come

They will be done

On earth as it is in heave

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

For thine is the kingdom

The power and the glory

For ever and ever

Amen.

Canticle

Christ as a light

Illumine and guide me

Christ as a shield

O'ershadow me

Christ under me

Christ over me

Christ beside me
On my left and my right
This day be within and
Without me
Lowly and meek yet
All-powerful
Be in the heart
Of each to whom I speak
In the mouth of each
Who speaks to me
This day be within and
Without me
Lowly and meek yet
All-powerful
Christ as a light
Christ as a shield
Christ beside me
On my left and my right.

A prayer of blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now, and for evermore.

Amen

Worship in church

Until we are advised further worship in St Francis will continue.

Pleased note

- Please be confident that: we are following all the guidelines given to us from the diocese and the NHS
- All hard surfaces will be wiped down n before you arrive, hymn books also.
- If you are able, Please wash your hands on arrival or use antibacterial gel. (If you have your own pocket size gel please bring it with you for your use, as it is almost impossible to purchase for everyone's use at this present time. .
- **Communion will be offered in one kind only** to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine;
- **Suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the Peace;** or on arrival and departure

If you are feeling unwell at all, please self isolate, if you have flu like symptoms follow the guidelines below.

<https://111.nhs.uk/service/covid-19>).

Anyone who has been diagnosed with the virus (in cases of doubt contact NHS 111 or

Anyone who has been exposed to a person diagnosed with the virus and has been required to undergo self-isolation.

Anyone who has recently returned from a country where the virus is prevalent (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>).

Please keep in contact with friends over the phone. Isolation can be difficult for anyone.

Please let Stefanie Know if you are self isolating. We endeavour to have a team of church members to phone and check if you are ok.

If you live alone or have no family to take care of you PLEASE let Stefanie Know who will make every effort to do shopping/collecting of prescriptions or any other emergencies (non medical).