

## worshipping together while apart

### Morning Prayer for Wednesdays

*This is an order of service for Wednesday mornings so that we may continue to worship together. Please use it with the reflection which has been written for you by one of our preachers who has also provided ideas for prayers; the reflection sheet will also give you the psalm, the reading and collect. Both the order of service and the reflection will be posted on the Sunnyside and St John's websites on Tuesdays.*

*If there are two of you, I suggest one person reads leads the service and you both join in with the words in bold.*

*Rebecca*

#### **Introduction**

O Lord, open our lips  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day you have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
**let us pray with one heart and mind.**

*Pause whilst you focus on God's presence and invite the Holy Spirit to lead you in this act of worship*

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **Confession**

*Take a moment to bring to mind those things you wish to confess to our heavenly Father this morning.*

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Praise**

Let us worship the Lord  
**Praise to his name  
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Ministry of the Word**

*Read the Psalm of the Day*

*Read the Bible reading of the day*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Read the reflection on the reading*

What is God saying to you through these readings and reflection?  
What does God want you to do about it?

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.**

*The collect of the day and some suggestions for prayers are on the reflection sheet. Alternatively, you might like to use these prayers*

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,  
through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

***The Creed***

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,  
and shaping national policies,  
that they may make wise decisions:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,  
that through their skill and insights  
many will be restored to health:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful,  
for the gravely ill and the dying,  
that they may know your comfort and peace:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.  
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We gather our prayers together in the words our Saviour taught his disciples to pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

***Closing prayer***

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,  
help us heavenly Father, to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Go in peace to love, to grow and to serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

***Coffee***

*Now, why not make yourself a cup of tea or coffee and then ring someone from Sunnyside or St John's for a chat?*