

RICHMOND  
TEAM  
MINISTRY

# A Service of Prayer and Readings for use at home



*If you are using this service with others, whoever is leading should read the light type and others join in with the responses in bold. If you are using the service by yourself, read the whole text, both light and bold.*

## **Preparation**

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

**○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

## **Praise**

We praise you, O God,  
we acknowledge you to be the Lord;  
all creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

*from Te Deum Laudamus*

## **The Word of God**

### *Psalm*

*The psalm for the day may be used - see the 'Morning Prayer' tab at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer>, or use one or more of the following psalms:*

Ps. 19; Ps. 23; Ps. 48; Ps. 63:1-8; Ps. 126; Ps. 130; Ps. 133

The readings set for the day may be used - see the 'Morning Prayer' tab at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer>. Alternatively, select your own reading(s), or perhaps begin reading through one of the gospels.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Response

*Silent contemplation*

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself, and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(Philippians 2.6-11)

## Prayers

*A time of silent reflection.*

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. **Amen.**

*From St Patrick's Breastplate*

*Intercessions may include these concerns:*

- *all who are in any kind of need*
- *those serving and caring for others*
- *the leaders of the nations and all charged with making important decisions*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth*
- *the local and wider church*
- *remembering those who have died*

We pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## The Conclusion

May God, who made both heaven and earth, bless us.

**Amen.**