

A service for when we cannot meet at church



We give thanks and praise to God

Either use the following prayer:

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us give thanks to God together.

or, use a pipe-cleaner to make something you are thankful for today. There will be other ideas on the video on the church website & facebook page.

We say sorry and remember God's forgiveness

In a moment of quiet we say sorry to God, for the times we have gone our own way, rather than following God's way.

If you wish, you might like to use a pipe-cleaner to make a symbol of God's love and forgiveness.

We might use this prayer:

We have misused your gifts of creation and not always done what is right.

Lord, be merciful: **forgive us and help us.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not always gone to their aid.

Lord, be merciful: **forgive us and help us.**

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others.

Lord, be merciful: **forgive us and help us.**

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves.

Lord, be merciful: **forgive us and help us.**

We pray:

**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.**

We read the Bible

You could use Bible reading features in the video on the church Facebook page and website (details over the page), or another favourite Bible reading. Or Psalm 23 is often a helpful read in times of challenge.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside still waters, he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

We respond to the Bible reading we have read



What do you like about the reading?



What action might this reading lead you to take?



What questions have you got about this reading?

We pray

*Spend some time praying as you wish – out loud, or in quiet.
You might like to light candles as you think about people in need.
You might like to look at a map of our city, country, or world.
You might like to be creative in some other way....*

**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.**

We look ahead

*Think for a moment...
What can we do to share God's love in the days ahead?
How can we let the light of God shine in our community?*

**The love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill us hearts; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.**

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