

St Michael And All Angels Sandhurst



Order for a Service to be used at home
(Adult version)
Mothering Sunday, 22nd March 2020

Notes on using this service

*This service has been written to be used with one or more adults at home.
(There is a separate order of service intended for families.)*

*It is suggested that if possible you print out copies for each person, or
download it to a tablet or smartphone per person, or display it on a TV
screen.*

*The roles of leading and reading the Bible reading and the prayers can be
shared out.*

*Posture: choose what is most suitable for you;
you might like to stand to sing and to share the Peace, sit or kneel for the
prayers and sit for the rest.*

Please adapt the material to suit your situation.

Opening Prayer

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

Hymn/Song

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

*Listen to it and sing along. The words are in the video, and
printed below.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDe0ABw5IHs>

[An alternative modern worship song is

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7lvvd1JdQU>

*This video is an extended version; you can stop it at 3 mins 50
secs. The words are in the video.]*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

To his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour

To our fathers in distress;

Praise him, still the same as ever,

Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), based on Psalm 103

Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *us* pardon and forgiveness of all *our* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living,
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Psalm 116 (New Revised Standard Version)

The prayer of someone rescued from death

- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- ² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
'O LORD, I pray, save my life!'
- ⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- ⁶ The LORD protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- ⁹ I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
- ¹⁰ I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';
- ¹¹ I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'
- ¹² What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked,

'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

A Sermon on Psalm 116 will be available to read at <http://www.stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk/march-2020-services.html>

Questions to discuss, or to reflect on privately, based on Psalm 116:

1. What does the writer say about God?
(there are several things in verses 1-7)
2. What experiences have you had of asking God for help?
How did things work out?
3. How does the writer feel now? *(Look at verse 7)*
4. How does the writer want to show his/her appreciation to God? *(See verses 12-end)*
5. How can we show our appreciation to God for looking after us and answering our prayers? Think of at least 2 or 3 ways. Then decide how you are going to put this into practice, either individually or together.

Prayers

These prayers have been written by Karen Symons in the light of the corona virus epidemic, based on prayers produced by the Church of England and on several psalms.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. We pray for the health and well-being of our nation, that all who are fearful and anxious may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord Jesus, our church building may be closed for worship but the church keeps on going. Help us Lord to remember we are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving,

wherever we are,

whatever it costs

For as long as it takes

wherever you call us.

We pray for the leaders of our church and in particular today John Castle and our church wardens. Help them, Lord, to lead their flock and to use this situation to reach out to the people in our community, and to unite us as one body of faith to do Your will.

Lord, in Your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions.

We especially pray for Boris Johnson, Rishi Sunak, and the scientists and doctors who are trying to answer all our queries and concerns. We pray that in all the hours they work they will have time to reflect that *help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

We pray, Lord, for all the businesses that are struggling and failing as a consequence of this pandemic. We pray that the aid from the Government will help them to survive and to help protect jobs.

Lord, in Your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the isolated and housebound, that we may be alert to their needs, and care for them in their vulnerability. We pray for the elderly who have been told to stay at home, help them to trust you and to know that you are with them. We thank you Lord for the Sandhurst Day Centre as they continue to try and help and support the elderly of Sandhurst.

We pray for our homes and families, our schools, children and young people, and all in any kind of need or distress. We pray for the young people who have had their school term and possibly academic year cut short. We pray that you will help them as they come to terms with the consequences of this in their lives. Help them to respond positively and continue with their learning at home. We pray for Mike and Angela as they offer all the help and support that they can.

Lord, in Your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health.

We thank you Lord for all those working for the NHS. Help us Lord to help them so that they can keep themselves fit and well and get the food and rest that they need.

Lord, in Your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.

Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength;

Lord, in Your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have died in the faith of Christ, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Especially we remember those who have lost their lives across the world to the corona virus.

Lord, in Your mercy **hear our prayer.**

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all.

O Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Extracts from: Psalm 46, Psalm 121, Psalm 34, Psalm 84

Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared. This can be with a sign rather than a handshake.

Hymn/Song

Now thank we all our God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s99dNPKYtHk>

Listen to it and sing along. The words are in the video, and printed below.

[An alternative modern worship song is

Bless the Lord, o my soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSxocnIaN0A>

(Words are on the video)

Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessèd peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be ever more.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

We join our prayers with Christians throughout the world as we say the prayer which Jesus taught:

**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.**

End the service with this prayer:

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

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