**St Peter’s Shipley – Liturgical formats for Morning and Evening Prayer and an Informal framework for daily prayer**

**Monday 22 June – Saturday 27 June 2020**

**Morning Prayer**

**Liturgical format**

Season: **Ordinary Time**

***Opening prayer***

**God of our days and years**

**We set this time apart for you.**

**Form us in the likeness of Christ**

**So that our lives may glorify you.**

**Amen**

**O Lord, open our lips**

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,**

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

**You founded the earth in the beginning**

**And the heavens are the work of your hands.**

**In the fullness of time you made us in your image,**

**And in these last days you have spoken to us**

**In your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.**

**As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us**

**Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,**

**Your Spirit ever renew our lives**

**And you praise ever be on our lips.**

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Prayer of Preparation***

**The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;**

**Let us pray with one heart and mind.**

*Silence is kept*

**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.**

***The Word of God***

**Psalm**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| Psalm 44 | Psalm 48 | Psalm 50 | Psalm 57 | Psalm 51 | Psalm 68 |

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning is now**

**And shall be for ever. Amen**

**Old Testament reading**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| Judges 2 | Judges 4:1-23 | Malachi 3:1-6 | Judges 6:1-24 | Judges 6:25-end | Judges 7 |

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**New Testament reading**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| Luke 13:1-9 | Luke 13:10-21 | Luke 3:1-17 | Luke 14:1-11 | Luke 14:12-24 | Luke 14:25-end |

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;**

**And be not wise in your own sight.**

**In all your ways acknowledge him**

**And he will make straight your paths.**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;**

**And be not wise in your own sight.**

***Prayers of Intercession***

Use the ideas below or add any particular prayer concerns on your heart

**We pray for God’s grace**

**Lord receive our praise**

**And hear our prayer**

**We pray for the church**

**Make our hearts respond to your love.**

*Pray for all us as we discover what it means to be the church of God at this time when we cannot meet together.*

*Pray for us all as we experience new ways of worship which might not be what we would choose or are used to – pray that God will fill us anew with his Spirit and give us a fresh experience of worship.*

*Pray for the staff team as they make decisions about the right time to reopen the church for private prayer, that we will be able to do everything possible to ensure everyone’s safety as the restrictions begin to ease.*

*Pray for our ongoing witness here in the place where God has called us. Ask that God, by his spirit will continue to draw more people to worship with us online, that many people will be reached through the work of the Shipley Neighbours project and that we will all know how to reach out to our neighbours and those we can see during this time.*

**Lord receive our praise**

**And hear our prayer**

**We pray for the world**

**Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world**

*Pray for the world, for God’s gift of the Holy Spirit to be poured out anew on the leaders of the nations at this time.*

*Pray for countries of the world where the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic is having a more severe impact because infrastructure and services are weak, economies were precarious to start with and government is unjust or corrupt. Pray especially for Brazil where the pandemic is now very bad with over a million cases and especially for our mission partners there, Ian and Simea Meldrum and Andy and Rose Roberts, for their families and all those they work with and minister to.*

*Pray for refugees and asylum seekers and victims of war and other forms of displacement struggling even more at the present time. Ask for God’s refuge and protection for them.*

*Pray for the continued protests and unrest around the world following the death of George Floyd in the United States. Pray for peace and reconciliation between different communities and that those who feel betrayed and unequally treated will find a right sense of justice.*

*Pray for all those affected by the stabbings in Reading this weekend, for those bereaved and that acts of terror will not increase in our country or around the world at this time.*

*Pray for our own government that the response in our country will be one which puts the weakest first and where truth and righteousness and seeking God’s will are the hallmarks of all decisions taken.*

**Lord receive our praise**

**And hear our prayer**

**We pray for the sick and those in need**

**Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.**

*Pray for anyone you know personally who is ill in body, mind or spirit in any way at this time, asking God to be close to them and fill them with his healing, comfort and peace.*

*Pray for anyone you know who doesn’t yet know Jesus as their personal saviour and Lord, that the Holy Spirit will touch them in a powerful way during this period and they will hear the call of Jesus.*

*Pray for all who are watching and waiting with someone nearing the end of their life and especially at this time, for anyone who cannot be with someone nearing the end of their life because of the necessary restrictions in hospitals. Remember anyone, especially those known to you personally, grieving the loss of someone they loved,*

**Lord receive our praise**

**And hear our prayer**

***The collect***

**Lord, you have taught us**

**That all our doings without love are nothing worth;**

**Send your Holy Spirit**

**And pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,**

**The true bond of peace and of all virtues,**

**Without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.**

**Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ’s sake**

**who is alive and reigns with you**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

***As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

***Final Prayer***

**The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil,**

**And keep us in eternal life.**

**Amen**

**Let us bless the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Informal format**

You may find it easier to pray informally, without using a set liturgy. You might want to light a candle or focus on a small cross to help you to settle into God’s presence. The format below is based on the PRAY model from Pete Greig’s book ‘How to pray – a simple guide for normal people’ published by Hodder & Stoughton – if you’re looking for a good read during the current lockdown, it’s recommended (and available from Amazon!) It follows the pattern Jesus taught his disciples to use in the Lord’s Prayer.

**Pause (‘*But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.’ Matthew 6:6)***

Spend some time being quiet and still and asking the Holy Spirit to come into your Prayer time. This helps to prepare your heart and quiet your mind to come into God’s presence and tune into the things on his agenda for you to think and pray about this morning. You might find the ancient practice of Lectio Divina helpful – taking one short phrase from scripture and meditating on it. You could use something like ‘Be still and know that I am God’ or the ‘The Lord is my shepherd’ and repeat it over slowly to yourself several times. It can help to emphasise a different word in turn through the whole phrase each time you repeat it.

**Rejoice (‘*Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name.’ Matthew 6:9)***

It can be tempting to skip over this bit, but it’s important! Jesus starts the Lord’s Prayer with coming before God in adoration ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.’ Take a minute to think about the things you have to be grateful to God for, the amazing things he has done in the past and the present and will do again in the future. If it’s a bad day and you feel stuck for inspiration as to where to start, the Psalms can often be helpful – try reading Psalm 19 out loud for starters! You might find it helpful to jot things down through the day when you notice things you want to thank God for – write them down in a notebook or dictate them into your phone – and look at your list of ‘thankfulness reminders’ over the last 24 hours when you sit down to pray next day. Singing can help too – if you’re not sure of your own musical capacity, or can’t remember any words, then you could listen to a CD recording of a song, or go to an app like Spotify, search for Christian worship playlists and see what comes up – God’s very good at using both music and the internet to talk to us sometimes!

**Ask (*‘Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.’ Matthew 6:10-11)***

The power of prayer is awesome, amazing, often miraculous – and God does love to give us what we ask for – for ourselves and for others – just not always in the ways we have already decided he should! Ask God to help you to know what to pray for and how to pray – and if you get stuck, the greatest prayer of time is just simply ‘Your kingdom come, Lord’ prayed over any person, any situation, any place that comes into your mind.

You could also pray for some of the same suggestions listed in the liturgical prayer time above if this is helpful:

* *Pray for all us as we discover what it means to be the church of God at this time when we cannot meet together.*
* *Pray for us all as we experience new ways of worship which might not be what we would choose or are used to – pray that God will fill us anew with his Spirit and give us a fresh experience of worship.*
* *Pray for the staff team as they make decisions about the right time to reopen the church for private prayer, that we will be able to do everything possible to ensure everyone’s safety as the restrictions begin to ease.*
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* *Pray for our own government that the response in our country will be one which puts the weakest first and where truth and righteousness and seeking God’s will are the hallmarks of all decisions taken.*
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* *Pray for anyone you know who doesn’t yet know Jesus as their personal saviour and Lord, that the Holy Spirit will touch them in a powerful way during this period and they will hear the call of Jesus.*
* *Pray for all who are watching and waiting with someone nearing the end of their life and especially at this time, for anyone who cannot be with someone nearing the end of their life because of the necessary restrictions in hospitals. Remember anyone, especially those known to you personally, grieving the loss of someone they loved.*

**Yield (‘*And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.’ Matthew 6:12-13***

Examining ourselves before God - surrendering - is an important part of prayer. What do we need to say sorry to God for? Who has hurt us that we need to forgive and move on with? Where do we need to ask God to shape us, mould us, protect us as we go into today? Try to spend a short time in quiet listening for what God wants to say to you. A song or word of scripture or something someone once said to you a long time ago could all come into your mind. Or you might want to choose a passage of the Bible to read (You could use one of the sections from the lectionary above if you don’t know where else to start!) and a word or phrase might jump of the page at you. Don’t worry if this doesn’t happen right here, right now but be open to God speaking to you as you into the rest of the day.

**An Order for Compline (Night Prayer) – Monday 22 June – Saturday 27 June 2020**

Season: **Ordinary Time**

***Preparation***

**The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.**

**Amen**

**Our help is in the name of the Lord**

**Who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day*

**That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful;**

**Let us pray with one heart and mind.**

*Silence is kept*

**As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,**

**So may your mercy come down upon us**

**To cleanse our hearts,**

**And set us free to sing your praise;**

**Now and for ever**

**Amen.**

***Confession***

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess to you,**

**Before the whole company of heaven**

**That we have sinned in thought, word and deed**

**And in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**Heal us by your Spirit**

**And raise us to new life in Christ. Amen**

**O God, make speed to save us**

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

***The Word of God***

**Psalm**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| Psalm 47 | Psalm 50 | Psalm 80 | Psalm 62 | Psalm 38 | Psalm 66 |

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning is now**

**And shall be for ever. Amen**

**Scripture reading**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| Romans 9:1-18 | Romans 9:19-end | Matthew 11:2-19 | Romans 10:11-end | Romans 11:1-12 | Romans 11:13-24 |

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.**

**When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Spirit.**

**Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

***The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)***

**1 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,**

**Who has come to his people and set them free.**

**2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,**

**Born of the house of his servant, David.**

**3 Through his holy prophets, God promised of old**

**To save us from our enemies,**

**From the hands of all that hate us.**

**4 To show mercy to our ancestors,**

**And to remember his holy covenant.**

**5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:**

**To set us free from the hands our enemies,**

**6 Free to worship him without fear,**

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

**7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the most high,**

**For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**8 To give his people knowledge of salvation**

**By the forgiveness of all their sins.**

**9 In the tender compassion of our God**

**The dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,**

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Spirit**

**As it was in the beginning is now**

**And shall be for ever. Amen**

***Prayers***

Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving from the day past may be offered here.

*Silence may be kept*

***The collect***

**Be present, O merciful God,**

**And protect us through the silent hours of this night,**

**So that we who are wearied**

**By the changes and chances of this fleeting world,**

**May rest upon your eternal changelessness:**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

***As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

***The Conclusion***

**In peace we will lie down and sleep;**

**For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

**Abide with us, Lord Jesus,**

**For the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

**As the night watch looks for the morning,**

**So do we look for you, O Christ.**

**Amen.**

**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.**

**Let us bless the Lord**

**Thanks be to God.**