

Television and Radio resources

You may wish to join in worship during this time through television and radio:

Songs of Praise

BBC 1, Sunday afternoon, variable times

Sunday Worship

BBC Radio 4, Sunday, 8.10am and on BBC1 (at time to be announced)

Choral Evensong

BBC Radio 3, Wednesday

Daily Service

BBC Radio 4 (Longwave only), weekdays, 9.45am

Big Sunday Service

Premier Christian Radio, Sunday, 7am, 8am, 10am

Easter Sunday Eucharist

A service is usually broadcast on the BBC on Easter morning

Online resources

Church of England Daily Prayer

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

St James' website and Facebook

www.stjamesmilton.org.uk

www.facebook.com/StJamesMiltonUk

Portsmouth Diocese

www.portsmouth.anglican.org



Worshipping at Home

We have designed this order of service to help you worship at home. You can use it on your own or to worship together as a household or family.

Prayer is never something we do alone. Whenever we pray, we do so in communion. We pray in communion with the Church throughout the world, and we are united with our sister and brother Christians everywhere. And when we pray we do so in communion with heaven, with the saints who worship God face to face.

We suggest using this service at the same time as the Sunday service you usually attend. We hope that, by using prayers and texts in common with those who are praying in church, that you will feel a special union with your friends at St James'. We will be praying for you, as you pray for us.

In addition to this booklet, you will need a Bible for this service. You might also like to light a candle, and place a crucifix, cross, or icon on a table, to help you pray..

At the end of this booklet you will find some other resources to help you worship while you are unable to come to church.

*If several people are using this service together choose one person to lead the service (saying the words in normal type) while everyone else says the words in **bold type**. If using this service alone, then say both the words in normal type and **bold type**.*

The Introduction

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

Amen.

The Lord is here.

His spirit is with us.

*From Easter Day to Pentecost this **acclamation** follows:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The **Prayer of Preparation** is said:*

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*We say the **Confession**:*

Let us call to mind our sins,
and ask for God's mercy and forgiveness.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,**

**I embrace you as if you were already there,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.**

The Conclusion

You may wish to say the prayer for all those affected by coronavirus:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort knowing
that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

*Conclude with **the Grace**:*

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

**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.**

The Peace

You may wish to think of the peace of God resting upon your home as you say together:

**Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.
Peace to this house from God his Son who is our peace.
Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life giver.**

Prayer to Jesus

As you are unable to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at the moment, you might also like to say the following:

**My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the most holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Pause then say this general Collect or the Collect for the Week, from the pew sheet which you will receive by e mail:

Heavenly Father,
you anointed your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit and with power
to bring to us the blessings of your kingdom.
Anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
that we who share in his suffering and victory
may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
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.

Sharing the Word

Read the **Gospel reading** set for the day:

Sunday 22 March (Lent 4)	John 9.1-41
Sunday 29 March (Lent 5)	John 11.1-45
Sunday 5 April (Palm Sunday)	Matthew 21.1-11 and Matthew 27.11-54
Maundy Thursday	John 13.1-17,31-35
Good Friday	John 18.1– end of John 19
Sunday 12 April (Easter Day)	John 20.1-18
Sunday 19 April (Easter 2)	John 20.19-end
Sunday 26 April (Easter 3)	Luke 24.13-35
Sunday 3 May (Easter 4)	John 10.1-10
Sunday 10 May (Easter 5)	John 14.1-14
Sunday 17 May (Easter 6)	John 14.15-21
Ascension Day	Luke 24.44-end
Sunday 24 May (Easter 7)	John 17.1-11
Sunday 31 May (Pentecost)	John 20.19-23 (and Acts 2.1-21)

After the Gospel has been read, you may wish to spend some time reflecting on the reading in silence or in conversation.

Prayers

For the **Prayers of Intercession** either use the set form below, or make your own prayers.

Father, we pray for the Church,
for her mission and unity.
Strengthen all Christians with the good news of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for the world,
for peace among the nations,
and for the welfare of creation.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for our church family at St James',
for those gathered in church this day,
and for *us/me* and others who join in worship
by praying at home.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for the sick,
especially at this time
for those suffering from coronavirus,
for all who are isolating or under quarantine at this time,
(*and for me/us praying here before you;*)
and for healthcare professionals, the government,
and all in positions of responsibility.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for those who have died,
and for those who grieve for them.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You may wish to add your own prayers, or pray in silence, before saying the Lord's Prayer.