

Bodmin Team Ministry



Worship Together at Home



Sunday 5 April 2020
Palm Sunday



Welcome to Worship Together at Home!

You may wish to begin by finding a Bible, lighting a candle, and making your space feel comfortable and special. If you're not watching the video along with this service, decide who will say the lines for 'One'.

Gathering

One: Since we cannot go to church to worship with God's people, today we are being church here in this place.

All: **We are God's people, and God is here with us.**

Song: [Hosanna \(Praise is Rising\)](#)

Confessing and assuring

One: Let us think about the times we have not lived like followers of Jesus. For the times we lacked love:

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

One: For the times our words and actions hurt others:

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

One: For the times we have failed to care for the world and for our neighbours:

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pause

One: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Hearing from God's word

[Read today's Bible passages](#)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Alongside the sermon, there are many other ways to think about the passage:

Wonder together: Ask each other, I wonder what was your favourite part of that passage/story? I wonder which part surprised or puzzled you? I wonder what it tells us about God? I wonder how it helps us to live as Christians?

Creative response: Take 10 minutes to each create something – draw a picture, write a poem or song, make a Lego model, use Play-Doh, or something else! – to respond to the passage or story. Share with each other something about your creation.

Bring something to the circle: Look around where you have gathered and find something to bring to the circle that helps you think more about what you have heard. Share why you chose that object.

If you have more time, and access to the Internet, you could learn more together about the bit of the Bible you read, by looking at the Bible Project on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/jointhebibleproject/videos

Song: [Cloaks and Branches](#)

Affirming our faith

One: Let us declare our faith in God.

All: **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Coming to God in prayer

Choose a way to pray together:

Sweet prayers: You will need a packet of coloured sweets e.g. M&Ms or Skittles. Open the packet of sweets and take it in turns to pick one. Before you eat your sweet, say a prayer asking God to help or do something for someone or something in that category:

Red: our family and friends

Purple: our church

Green: our country and its leaders

Yellow: people working to keep us safe and healthy

Orange: people who are sick or suffering

Pray using your hand: hold your hand out and say a prayer using each of your fingers as a guide.

Thumbs up – thank God for something good.

Index finger – pray for those who point us to God.

Middle finger – pray for those who lead our country.

Ring finger – pray for your family and friends.

Little finger – pray for people who are ill, or anxious, or worried and need God's care.

Playing card prayers: You will need a pack of cards. Shuffle the pack of cards. Take it in turns to pick one and say a prayer:

Black number – pray for those who are working hard.

Red number – pray for those who are suffering.

King – say a word that describes how great God is.

Queen – pray for a girl or woman you know.

Jack – pray for a boy or man you know.

Ace – say a thank you prayer for something good.

A prayer during the Coronavirus pandemic

One: Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Collecting Our Prayers

Pray the collect of the day:

One: True and humble king,
Hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
Grant us the faith to know you and love you,
That we may be found beside you
On the way of the cross,
Which is the path of glory.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

One: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

All: **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,
Forever and ever,
Amen.**

Song: [All Glory, Laud And Honour](#)

Closing prayer

One: In darkness and in light,

All: **in trouble and in joy,**

One: help us, Heavenly Father,

All: **to trust in your love,**

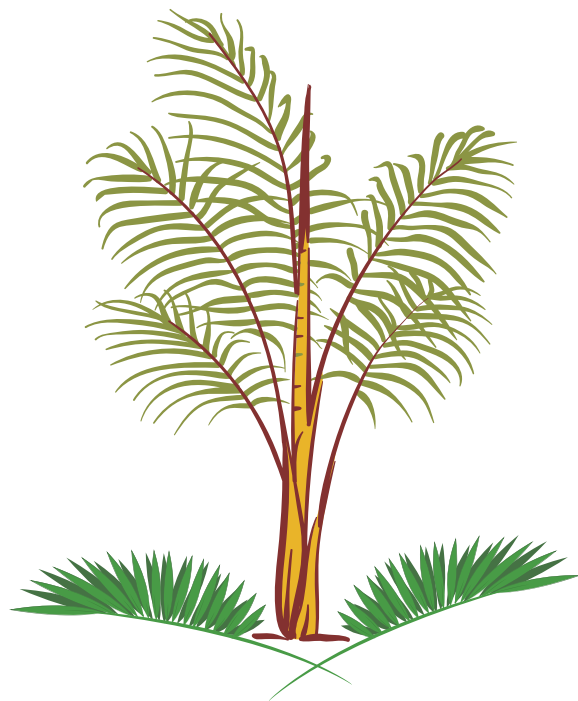
One: to serve your purposes,

All: **and to praise your name.**

Amen.

One: May God bless us, may Christ shield us, may the Spirit bring us healing and peace.

All: **Amen.**



More ideas to celebrate with this afternoon

Find whatever natural materials you can to make a 'palm' wreath or cross to hang on your door. Check out [Revd Elaine's Facebook post](#) for inspiration!

Take a look at the crafts, puzzles and activities we're collecting for young people at

www.bodminchurch.com/young-people

There will be plenty more added over the week ahead – also suitable for the young at heart!



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