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# *House Church Liturgy*

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## THE INVOCATION

*If you wish, open with a song/s.*

*The leader says*

E te whānau / My brothers and sisters,  
our help is in the name of the eternal God,  
**who is making the heavens and the earth.**

Eternal Spirit,  
flow through our being and open our lips,  
**that our mouths may proclaim your praise.**

*Silence*

Let us worship the God of love.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia.**



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## PSALM OF PRAISE

*Share this extract of Psalm 119 (89-96) together - perhaps take turns to read a verse each.*

Dear God, your eternal word of love  
endures for ever in the universe.

Your trust stands fast from one generation to another.  
You have laid the foundations of the earth, and it abides.

In fulfilment of your purpose it continues to this very day,  
for all things serve you.

If my delight had not been in your wisdom,  
I should have perished in my trouble.

I shall never forget your truths,  
for with them you have given me life.

I belong to you: save me;  
for I have sought your counsel.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me,  
but I will meditate on your law.

I see that all things come to an end,  
but your commandment is exceeding broad.



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## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

*We encourage you to share prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude.*

*We conclude our prayers with the following:*

Christ is the good shepherd  
who knows and cares for every one of the sheep  
in different folds.

In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile;  
in Christ there is no discrimination  
of gender, class or race.

In Christ the poor are blessed,  
the simple receive truth hidden from the wise.

**Alleluia!**

**God of justice and compassion,  
you give us a work to do  
and a baptism of suffering and resurrection.**

**From you comes power to give to others  
the care we have ourselves received  
so that we, and all who love your world,  
may live in harmony and trust.**



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## THE READINGS

*We encourage you to use the Gospel reading from the Lectionary for today. Feel free to add in other readings as you wish.*

*An online version of the Lectionary can be found at [www.anglican.org.nz/Media/Files/2020-Lectionary](http://www.anglican.org.nz/Media/Files/2020-Lectionary)*

*You may wish to take turns reading portions of the Scripture with your group.*

## TEACHING AND REFLECTION

*Your local Parish may have provided some resources such as a printed sermon or video content for today. Other options will be added to Movement Online ([www.movementonline.org.nz](http://www.movementonline.org.nz)) in the coming weeks. You can read / play this now, and then enter a short time of discussion based on the following questions:*

- What stood out for you in today's scripture and reflection?
- In the context of our present reality, what is God calling you to do?



# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The leader prays*

Lord have mercy.

E te Ariki kia aroha mai.

Kyrie eleison.

**Christ have mercy.**

**E te Karaiti kia aroha mai.**

**Christe eleison.**

Lord have mercy.

E te Ariki kia aroha mai.

Kyrie eleison.

*We encourage you to enter a time of prayer for our world, our communities and for each other, concluding with the prayer below or on the next page.*

1.

O God of many names,

lover of all peoples;

we pray for peace

in our hearts and homes,

in our nations and our world;

the peace of your will,

the peace of our need.

**Dear Christ, our friend and our guide,**

**pioneer through the shadow of death,**

**passing through darkness to make it light,**

**be our companion that we may fear no evil,**

**and bring us to life and to glory.**

O God of peace and justice,

of holiness and love;

knit us together in mind and flesh,

in feeling and in spirit,

and make us one,

ready for that great day;

the fulfilment of all our hopes,

and the glory of Jesus Christ.

**Keep us in the spirit of joy and**

**simplicity and mercy.**

**Bless us and those you have entrusted to us,**

**in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (CONTINUED)

2.

Let us be at peace within ourselves.

*Silence*

Let us accept that we are profoundly loved  
and need never be afraid.

*Silence*

Let us be aware of the source of being  
that is common to us all  
and to all living creatures.

*Silence*

Let us be filled with the presence of the great compassion  
towards ourselves and towards all living beings.

*Silence*

Realising that we are all nourished  
from the same source of life,  
may we so live that others be not deprived  
of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.

*Silence*

Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be  
a cause of suffering to one another.

*Silence*

With humility let us pray for the establishment  
of peace in our hearts and on earth.

*Silence*

May God kindle in us  
the fire of love  
to bring us alive  
and give warmth to the world.

**Lead me from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth;  
lead me from despair to hope,  
from fear to trust;  
lead me from hate to love,  
from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our heart,  
our world, our universe.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches us 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,  
ka inoi tātou  
E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai  
ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.  
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.  
Murua ō mātou hara,  
Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:  
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,  
me te korōria,  
Āke ake ake. Āmine.



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## THE BLESSING

*The leader shares a common blessing*

May the Creator  
bless us and keep us;  
may the beloved companion face us  
and have mercy upon us;  
may the eternal Spirit's countenance  
be turned to us and give us peace;  
may the Three in One bless us.

*The service concludes*

The divine Spirit dwells in us.  
Kia noho te Wairua o te Runga Rawa ki a tātou.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**Whakamoemitia a Ihowā.**

## LOOKING OUTWARDS

*As you conclude your time together, we encourage you to discuss together any local needs you have identified in your group or wider neighbourhood, and what your response to those might be.*



# Notes for Leaders

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## Using this Liturgy

This liturgy has been developed for you to use in home group gatherings during the Covid-19 outbreak, where larger group gatherings have been restricted. Feel free to use this liturgy in a way that suits your group best, and don't feel you have to use every part. The basic framework of the liturgy is to share God's word in Scripture, hear a reflection and talk about its application, pray, and to look outwards to the needs of our local environment. The idea is that anyone can lead, or take turns sharing in leading. This liturgy is not specific to a Sunday - you could gather on any day of the week.

## Hosting a House Church

We encourage you to keep gathering in prayer and worship together, and join one another via Zoom or other live video platform. We encourage you to prepare a space together that is peaceful and welcoming, perhaps with a candle, cross, or other point of focus. If you are using a screen to show video content such as online sermons, make sure everyone can see and hear, and you have any web links bookmarked and ready to go.

## Staying Connected

Your parish will likely have communicated ways to stay in touch. We also strongly encourage you to sign up to the Diocesan communication Movement by Mail ([www.movementonline.org.nz/signup](http://www.movementonline.org.nz/signup)). This is the key way that you will hear about best practice and stories of hope from our wider whānau.

## Living in Hope

As followers of Jesus we are His hands and feet in being a joyful and non-anxious witness to our neighbourhoods. As well as continuing in prayer, we encourage you to join any community care initiatives (e.g. local registers, phone trees) which allow you to make loving connections with those around you. Your parish may be involved in one of these already.

