

Worship From Home

God's Got Us

17 January 2021

Welcome & Centring Time

Take a moment now and centre yourself deeply in the love of God. Plant your feet firmly on the ground; feel your body and how you are sitting (can you open yourself a little more to your breathing?); open your hands to give and receive God's presence. Let your in-breath bring awareness, let your out-breath help you to rest in God's arms. Come into God's presence, let God be present in you.

Centring Words

based on responses by Ali Newell

You gather us, God; so we will know your life that makes us one.
You gather us, God; so we will celebrate our variety and uniqueness.
You gather us, God; so we will give you the pain of our brokenness.
You gather us, God; so we will share the gifts of your Spirit.
Trinity of love bind us as one even in our solitude
that our brokenness be healed by you;
that our fears be held by you;
that our gifts be celebrated by you;
that our lives be centred in you.

Chant & Candle Lighting

Kindle a Flame to Lighten the dark and take all fear away.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

by Ruth Burgess

Strong, sheltering God, we bless you for all the beautiful things of home:
warmth and shelter when the wind outside is bitter,
food for the body and for the soul,
treasured gifts and treasured memories, stability, acceptance, care.

We bless you for the chance to be ourselves,
for the tasks that weave the pattern of our days,
for the sweet, familiar sound of ordinary things.

Blessed are you, strong, sheltering God.

But if we have forced unfair expectations on others, taken their care for granted,
helped make of a safe place a battleground, or used our belonging
to shut others out, God of friend and stranger, disturb our complacency,
shake our circles of contentment, sweep through our hearts
and our houses with the new broom of your Spirit
until love is our only refuge.

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever.

Psalm 139.1-18

Reflecting Song

You Are Before Me, God VU862

Minister's Reflection

Offering Time

God has given us many gifts; in giving, we symbolize God's generosity.
We acknowledge the gifts given and those we have received in our lives,
especially those we love, those who have taught us,
the earth and all its goodness; life and its abundance.
God continues to bless us and makes us a blessing to others.

Offering Prayer

We are thankful, God, for all that we have in our lives.
We have been blessed; make us a blessing to others

Meditation

Winter Blessing

by Mary Palmer

When sleet blinds you, hail drowns out voices, and snow hides your path,
may you discern each flake a star, the image of the one that guided the Magi,
and find that in the pain of birth, death or change
there is a light to guide you.

Closing Song

The God Of Heaven