Resources form Morning Prayer on 15 March 2020

These are resources to use as fits.

Some may have time and attention spans for everything, others may have to select?

The Acclamation of Christ at the Dawning of the Day

If responses possible do so otherwise pray in one voice.

O Lord, open our lips

- **All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- **All** May Christ, the true, the only light banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.
- **All** Visit us with your salvation and sustain us with your gracious Spirit.

KidZchurch children may recite the Apostles Creed here to declare the faith!

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Psalm for today

95 verses 1-7 are easy.

Verses 8-11 are tough and relate to the painful memory of today's Exodus reading.

Psalm 95

- 1 O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!
- 8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."
- 11 Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."
- All 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.

A Prayer to follow

Blessed are you, creator of all, to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth bringing light and life to all creation,

may we rejoice in this day you have made; as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep, open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to do your will, that the world may rejoice and give you praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)

Prayers of Thanks and Intercession

Suggestions:

Ask God to show you people to pray both Thanks and Requests for. You might be able to form this list as a family?

- Give thanks for the day: Declaring:
 - This is the day that the LORD has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118.24
- Thank God for the gift of life and his assurance of salvation with a hope in Christ.
- Thank God for what you hold dear.
- Pray for God's peace and the strength of faith to be with people anxious about covid-19.
 - o This may be you yourself as well as others.
- Pray God 's command, for the anxious and over them:
 - o May we cast all anxieties on him, because he cares for you/us.
 - o May we be sober-minded and watchful.

1 Peter 5.7,8a.

- Pray for the church in this season.
 - May the church of people within the plague/pandemic again profile Christ and his promise of life amidst the shadows of fear and death.
 - May those who lead and guide the church be themselves under the Good Shepherd of the flock.
- Pray for the needs of your own family / household. Let children hear adults seek God.

Conclude Personal Prayers with:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

Ending

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.