

a simple service at home

Preparation

Find a quiet space, perhaps at your kitchen table, or somewhere you normally share meals. Light a candle if you can. Have some food and a glass of wine or juice at hand. Focus on your breathing for a few seconds and so become calmer. Sing a song that reminds you of a special experience of God.

Prayer of Approach

Merciful God, we come to worship uncertain of all that lies before us. We come with concerns for our neighbours, praying for all people. Grant us the certainty of faith this day, that we might turn from anxiety to hope; from bitterness to peace, and from hubris to humility as we rely on your strength and goodness. In the name of the Christ, who makes all things new. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eat and drink a little thinking about the taste and texture of your food. If you are sharing with other people, then talk briefly with each other about what you appreciate in the meal.

Loving God. We are grateful for your presence with us now. We are thankful for the simple gifts of food and drink and the way they sustain our lives. Thank you for the gift of human relationships in our families and communities. Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ. Continue to nurture and nourish us until we share again in our wider community. Amen

Prayer for Others

Merciful God, we come with our prayers for your world; for your Church; for this community; and for those known personally to us who seek your healing presence this day. As our world reels with the shock of the pandemic, we pray for wisdom to do what is necessary to care for others. Added to the hostility and misery of so many places, it feels that we are powerless to be bearers of peace. So, we pray that your healing Spirit will bring the everlasting peace of your reign in every nation. Lord of the Church, we would truly be the living Body of Christ bringing justice, hope and care in every land. Keep us strong in the face of adversity. Empower us to serve your mission of renewal and reconciliation. Make us a holy people, your people, wherever we are. God of every age, we pray for our community. And now, gracious God, we name before you those we are especially carrying in our hearts, praying for healing, sustaining hope and deepening faith... Amen

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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

***A range of prayers and songs will be available on our website at balhannah.org
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