16 March 2020

God of the desert and God of the garden,
your son went into the wilderness.
And there he sat.
And there he prayed.
And there he dreamed
of a life more abundant for others.
As we root down for an uncertain time,
and consider how we’ve grown apart,
may we rest as needed and sprout new thoughts
for those less able to rest.
Amen.
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Sunday 15 March 2020
God of new and renewed community,
where two or three are gathered in your name,
you promise to be there.
You promise also
to be in parishes that meet this week online,
and in congregations that courageously keep on keeping on,
and in churches that try something very different today,
and even when we find ourselves alone.
Our children sing in Sunday school that the
church is not a building.
Let us be the church together, wherever we are,
gathered by your Spirit, as only your Spirit can gather.
And may we find you already in our midst,
as we close our eyes in prayer.
Amen.
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14 March 2020

God of experts and amateurs,
in a time of great uncertainty,
we begin to realise how little we each know.
Yet you have placed within our community
those who speak from reason,
who know the science,
whose profession it is to protect.
May we hear the voices of informed wisdom,
and give thanks for what is already here:
the knowledge that overcomes ignorance,
the love that overcomes fear,
the community that includes the grace we all need.
Amen.
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13 March 2020
God of the good news that spreads faster than fear,
God of the courage that comes from the heart:
Be with us as anxieties rise and with us as uncertainty grows.
Be with us when children ask difficult questions,
and with us when parents seem farther away.
Remind us that to be a community does not always mean
to be physically present beside those we know well.
It also can mean being spiritually present
with those who feel very alone;
and that you as our God, the God made flesh,
are also the God who calls us from the tumult
and tells us to be still
and to know that you are God
with us.
Amen.