

## On Sacred Space

Church, sanctuary, temple—these are our sacred spaces. We set this space apart (“set apart” is the root meaning of “sacred”) to connect with God, to re-center ourselves, and go into the rest of our lives and the world with a renewed sense of God’s presence. In the time of coronavirus when public worship spaces are closed, we have a unique opportunity to discover God in our everyday lives and to create sacred space at home.

This article, [Making an Altar at Home](#), has wonderful, simple instructions for creating a sacred space in your home that can work for the whole family. At Grace, in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, children gather each week around a prayer table—[this video](#) shows a Catechist of the Good Shepherd from All Souls Cathedral in Asheville, NC describing how to create a prayer table. Finally, my family shared on Facebook this week our sacred spaces—my own prayer area (be ready for some mess!), my children’s prayer table, and the sacred space I have created as a backdrop for our virtual Sunday worship.

I encourage you to find a place and some items that draw you closer to God and set up a sacred space at home this week. You can’t go wrong! As we worship at home in the weeks to come and through Holy Week, this will draw us closer to God and one another, helping us to see the Holy One who is yearning and reaching out for us in love in every intimate, mundane moment of our lives.

Deep peace, Amy+  
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## Psalm 139: 6-9

*Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.*