

**St Mary's, Crich and All Saints,  
South Wingfield with Wingfield Park  
CHURCH NEWS**

**SUNDAY 17th MAY 2020**

**Welcome! To a new way of being Church  
*'To Know Jesus and for Jesus to be Known'***

**Welcome #56 This week's news...**

**The Lord is Risen! Hallelujah  
He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

**SUNDAY'S BIBLE READINGS**

**Genesis 8:20-9:17**

**Acts 17:22-31**

**John 14:15-21**

**At the Parish Church of St Mary's, Crich**

**At the Parish Church of All Saints, South Wingfield**

**The CHURCH is still here just not as a building...**

**Your collection or offering is still needed by the Church, if you are still able to, put your collection to one side as an offering to God. If you can't don't worry! When all this comes to an end there will be both Celebration and Mourning to offer and then we can give our offerings as a response to the faithfulness of God.**

**COLLECT PRAYER FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Risen Christ,**

**by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:**

**help your Church to obey your command**

**and draw the nations to the fire of your love,**

**to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## WORSHIP AT HOME

We have a virtual church service online with youtube at **CSW Digital Church**

It is a series of Services spliced with the readings and prayers for the Sunday and throughout the week.

If you want to follow the service, a 'virtual service' sheet is available by email for use at home.

### ***Please remember in your prayers....***

#### **Those in need:**

Kyle Goodhead, Richard & Bonnie Lane,  
Iva Henshaw, Eric Straw, Val Clark,  
Pamela Hall, Christine and John Hopkinson,  
Ben, Andrew and Cheryl Porter,  
Pam McCane-Whitney,  
Andrea Daniel, Wilf & Margaret Fretwell,  
Norah Bowler, Jean Stead,  
Brenda McCartney, James Hancox,  
Betty Kennedy, Bryan Sellors,  
Heather Watson, Gordon and Marjorie  
Harwood, Phil and Bridget Bateman,  
Ian with Hilary Wellby,  
Lucy, Alison and Alan

#### **All who mourn the loss of loved ones:**

Shaun Kelk,  
Shirley White,  
Evia Walters,  
Dorothy Lack,  
Clive Dawes,  
Norah Bowler  
Gerald Longmuir

## PRAYER GUIDE

- The Coronavirus Spread, the Cessation of Conflict and the World's Climate Change
- Our Government, the European Union and the future of our countries
- Wicketsheaf Lane, Crich
- Wingfield Road, South Wingfield
- The Heads, Teachers, TA's and Staff of ALL our Schools still at work and teaching
- The Diocese of Derby, Bishop Libby & Archdeacons Christopher and Carol
- CHIKS Project – their work with orphaned children & youth
- Stephanie [Philippines] supported through Compassion UK
- Our Hardwick Deanery esp. All Saints Ashover
- Our Armed Services, Fire, Ambulance, Police, Lifeboat, Mountain, Cave Rescue Services
- All Saints 'stay & play' & Crich 'pop-a-long' closed - but keep all families in your prayers

### **Crich Area Covid-19 Mutual Aid**

**A community network here to help.**

01773 447533

[Covid19@crichstandard.org](mailto:Covid19@crichstandard.org)

**Are you in the Electronic Age?** If anyone would like the Church-News by email, please let Ian, the Vicar, know or email: [cswvicar@gmail.com](mailto:cswvicar@gmail.com) and give your email address and GDPR permission.

***Do have you any suggestions for things you have found for good on-line worship and prayer? Let us know.***

**We are now on Alexa look for CSW Digital Church and enable**

## From Bishop Libby

I commend to you an article this week by +Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York designate:

“During the coronavirus crisis, the Church of England has been accused of ... being absent. ... I simply do not recognise it. The Church of England has been astonishingly present, albeit in many new and remarkable ways.

... a church that has set up a daily food distribution point, ... [a] church working with refugees and asylum seekers, ... a telephone visiting service has been set up as well as telephone sermon and prayer lines, ... a church that has started a Zoom Bible study group, ... YouTube assemblies.

These stories are being replicated up and down the country. Most astonishing of all, plenty of churches report very large numbers of people joining their streamed services.

Then there are the funerals we are taking and the amazing work of healthcare chaplains. Is all this a shocking absence? [Perhaps we] are looking for Jesus in the wrong place. ... Even when we do return to the sacred, beautiful space of our church buildings, with all their vital and much-missed resonances of continuity ... it is not one thing or the other. It is not in a building or online. We want to do both.

Amen to that.

+ Libby

We learned ages ago that the best way to proclaim the gospel is to live it out. Those who ... have eyes to see it [recognise it]. ... This is most likely to be the poor, the sick, the isolated and the vulnerable. They are well aware of the church's presence with them at the moment. Ask the woman whose only contact with the outside world is a telephone call from the Vicar. Or the family who are kept afloat by YouTube posts. Or those whose only food this week comes from the foodbank run by the local church. Or the bereaved whose loved ones' funeral is being taken this week. Or the two million listeners to Radio 4, or the 600,000 people online who listened to the Archbishop of Canterbury on Easter morning.

All these people recognise Jesus in what they receive. Of course, we could do more. Of course, we've probably made some mistakes.

[But] might it be better if, as well as being a little kinder to each other, we also looked a little harder to see where God is actually at work through his Church. Then we might see a stronger and more servant-hearted church emerging from this global crisis. Fortunately, the very first message of Easter is as relevant as ever: He is not here. He is risen.”

## Revd Ian writes:

There is definitely a change in pace in the world around us as a result of the CORVID19 Virus.

It is obvious; for some life is more dangerous and hectic spent away from family, there are those who take daily risks in order for society to continue, others are isolating in order to protect others, work for some has become a memory, work for others has changed in the way it happens, 'daily bread' has taken on a whole new meaning together with those who are struggling to put food together.

We are entering a time of change and transformation and the weeks still look unfamiliar. Yet change is approaching.

For the disciples they were getting familiar in the days after Jesus' resurrection with his coming and goings, they were learning that Jesus wasn't always there but could turn up at any time. They were moving from the familiar [Jesus with them all the time] through the unfamiliar [Jesus coming and going] into something completely new. This week sees the day of Ascension on Thursday, Jesus' display that he was leaving them and returning to the Father. A second bereavement for them and yet there was his promise that life would not be the same again for them. Yet it was still unknown for them and so unsettling and disturbing.

Sounds familiar today doesn't it?

We today then are invited to enter into that story in a new way for us as the disciples

today or Jesus. The international call to pray from the day of Ascension to the day of Pentecost is 'Thy Kingdom Come'. That line from the Lord's Prayer we are encouraged not only to pray daily from Thursday but to live out in our lives wherever we are. What might it look like for Jesus' kingdom to come? Re-read Bishop Libby's letter above, quoted from Bishop Stephen, and catch a glimpse of what Jesus' Kingdom is already beginning to look like.

Not the church building here on earth but something much more important; Jesus' Kingdom in our lives and in our community. It is as though Jesus has said to his disciples *'If you won't go out into the community, I'll shut the doors of your churches so that you have to'*.

So where we are today is where Jesus wants us I am sure, we may not be familiar with it, we may not fully understand it, we may not even like it, but Jesus has called us to follow him wherever he leads.

May this Ascension Time be a time for us when we look up and continue to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

Remember....

***Be Kind to one another***

***Support one another***

***and Love one another...***

***It's IS that simple.***

## Daily Hope phonenumber to address issues of social isolation.

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A free national phonenumber **Daily HOPE** will be launched this Sunday, aimed particularly at those who don't have access to the internet. Research indicates that some three million people – particularly those in an older age group have no, or very irregular, access to the internet. The line will be available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

## Christian Aid Week 2020 goes virtual

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Next week is Christian Aid Week and this year it will be different due to the coronavirus pandemic. Churches across the diocese are being invited to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable people in new and innovative ways.

The Christian Aid Week website has a wealth of resources (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/resources?textSearch=&page=0>) including:

- \* Order of service for virtual Christian Aid Week services
- \* Prayers in the time of coronavirus
- \* TV quiz      \* Children's activity sheet
- \* Donation forms

Traditionally, volunteers across the diocese would be arranging door-to-door donations with envelopes. This year, you can send an electronic donation envelope - an 'e-envelope' – to friends and family.

Visit the Christian Aid Week website (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/about-us/christian-aid-week/coronavirus-guidance#resources>) for more information, resources and to get involved. <https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/appointments.html>

## DENNIS REMINDS US:

'The one thing I would request is that regular givers store up their giving envelopes which we will receive once St Mary's church can be opened again.'

**Just a note:** the fact that we are not, at present, using the church does not mean that our costs have ceased. We are still expected to pay our Common Fund (£34,450), Insurance (£3,200), Utilities (£3,750) – most of the expenses are in the Winter months – and I would hope our Giving to Charities (£5,500) and Quinquennial (£12,000). In other words, most of our Budget Expenses will still need paying.

I read the other day a prayer that included in it;

**'Heavenly Father, give us enough to live and enough to give.'**      May that be the case!

## **LYNDA WRITES:**

Thought I would let you know -

I became aware yesterday that the Church of England has just put out these resources to help and encourage faith in the home. I have looked at the video resources for families with primary and secondary age children, and they look useful to me.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home>

This week happened to have the International day of families – so a timely coincidence!

## **USUAL WORSHIP AT OUR VILLAGE CHURCH COMMUNITIES**

**Crich Wesley Chapel 3.00pm Every Sunday Say a prayer for them**

**Crich Baptist Church 10.45am and 6.00pm Every Sunday Say a prayer for them**

**South Wingfield Zion Methodist Chapel 6.00pm Every Sunday Say a prayer for them**

**South Wingfield Baptist Church 11.00am and 6.00pm Every Sunday Say a prayer for them**

**Fritchley Congregational 2.30pm 1st Sunday every month Say a prayer for them Fritchley**

**Quakers 11.00am Every Sunday Say a prayer for them**

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**Weddings & Christenings at Crich & South Wingfield** - - we are told no Baptisms or Weddings take place at this time but if you want to book in faith contact Joanne above.

**Funerals at Crich & South Wingfield:** Contact Revd Ian above.

Only close family should consider attending these services

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# A Local Community Larder? ...

## Is Now: 'The Community Pantry'!

For those who pointed it out that Panty is not Pantry thank you. It did however get the message across several media!

Foodstuff required seems to be cupboard groceries but tins of Beans and Chopped Tomatoes we have plenty of. Tins of meat-based products would be welcome. Please check the dates on tins and jars. Any fresh produce can be left with us too, preferably at the start of the week then I can get it into the schools. If there are any spare 'Gov Food Parcel' spare bits we can use those too.



If anyone is more able to give money or would prefer to pop in cash in an envelope through the Vicarage Door [clearly marked for the Pantry] I'll buy supplies with the cash.

Drop off what you can at the Vicarage Community Pantry or elsewhere and if you can or point people in our direction if you know of need...there are also Pantries at Fritchley Congregational Church, Bullbridge and South Wingfield.

The idea is still simple; **'give what you can – take what you need'** no cost and no checks. This is a local effort by the villages, make it known as far as you can.

At Fritchley there are Books and Cross Stitch kits available too, school clothing may be coming along too soon.

You may have seen a brand new Community Pantry sign on all the Pantries, many thanks to **'WINNING WORKS'** in the village for these, thank you Chris & Cathy [winningworks.co.uk](http://winningworks.co.uk)

## 200 Local Volunteers want to HELP you stay safe.

If you are over **70** or have a pre existing **medical condition** catching Covid 19 could make you very, very ill or worse.

**Stay Safe Isolate Stay at Home**

Our volunteers can help with your:

**Shopping**

**Prescriptions**

**A friendly telephone chat**

**Advice about hot and cold meal deliveries**

**If you are worried or anxious**

**Call 01773 447533**

**Local Volunteers helping Local people**





# Community Pantry

*'drop off what you can - take what  
you need'*

Feel free to contribute  
food stuff or to take  
something you need

Based in Crich at the

New Vicarage, Coasthill

DE4 5DS



We have joined in with the prayer vigil between Ascension day and Pentecost for many years this year under COVID19 lockdown there

maybe a new look to it but it remains the same; **PRAY:**

# THY KINGDOM COME!

## Prayer and Care

*This year we have introduced 'Prayer and Care' in response to Covid-19. Read all about here.*

**'It's only a drop in the ocean, it won't make any difference.'**

**Well, that email sent, food offered, card written, NHS clapped, a smile shared across a road, tears shed, money donated, miles run, meters staggered, hours worked, prayers prayed, might only be a drop in the ocean but if that drop falls next to exactly the right person trying to keep afloat it will be a life saver. After all didn't Jesus say something about what ever you do for the least of these you do for me?**

**Surely all these things can be signs of the presence of the Kingdom for which we pray.**

**Thy Kingdom Come. So let's be drips together!**

### **'Prayer and Care' - 5 ways you can get started**

As we pray for our friends, family and neighbours to come to know the hope, peace and love of Jesus, how can we show God's love towards them? There are many ways to do this during the 11 days of prayer - not just individually, but perhaps as a worshipping community and / or group of churches, how could you witness to your local community during this time?

[Read this article for 5 simple ways](#) we can pray and care for those we know.

Order one of this year's [Prayer and Care packs](#) which include our flagship 2020 resources, our hugely popular prayer bands, prayer cards and creative activities to help you pray together as a family.

[Purchase a pack for your own household](#), or send one to friends and family to encourage them to join in. With all of our best resources in them, it's a great way to inspire many to be involved.

## **The case for 'Prayer and Care' from the Book of Acts**

Why Prayer and Care? The Very Reverend Bob Key, the Anglican Communion Lead for Thy Kingdom Come, has written this wonderful article on the Biblical basis for prayer and care, taken from the book of Acts.

***'It was only a drop in the ocean, was really nothing at all,  
it had no impact, caused no effect, made no change.***

***It was only a drop in the ocean, a single tear shed for a stranger, a mere  
drop of compassion no one saw.***

***It was only a drop in the ocean, a few slices of bread simply shared, a  
chat on the phone made on impulse, simply to show someone care.'***

## **#ThyKingdomCome under Lockdown: New song plus ideas for Individuals**

### **5 ways to take part in #ThyKingdomCome for Individuals**

#### **1. *The Prayer Journal\****

Why not download this year's prayer journal featuring Charlie Mackesy's beautiful illustration of 'the Prodigal Son' on the front cover? Full of beautiful reflections, Bible readings & prayers, it also includes an 'action' section – with ideas of how to care for those you are praying for.

#### **2. *Prayer and Care***

Order this prayer and care pack filled with prayer resources, goodies and creative ways to pray during the 11 days.

It also includes a number of ideas of how you can demonstrate the love and care of Christ for those you are praying for during Thy Kingdom Come, or even as a witness to your wider community.

### **3. Journey with Mary\***

Download this beautiful devotional journeying with Mary, from the Ascension to Pentecost, praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

### **4. Pray for 5!**

Praying for 5 people to come to know the love of Christ, is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come. We shared a few ideas in the last mailing, but there are also plenty of ideas here!

### **5. The App**

This year's app will be available in the next few days. The award-winning app is full of the daily videos, Bible readings, reflections, podcasts from Professor NT Wright and a special section for your 'Pray for 5'. Watch this space for more information.

\*All resources for delivery can be ordered [here](#).

***Praise the Lord!***  
***For it is good to sing praises to our God;***  
***For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.***

Psalm 147: 1

(NKJV)

# **ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Minister: Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Alleluia!

**All: Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia!**

**All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We confess our sins.*

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed, through negligence,  
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*We receive God's forgiveness in the silence of our hearts.*

**All: Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect Prayer**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*One of the days readings is read*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**All: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;  
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

*1 Corinthians 15.3-7*

**PRAYERS**

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

**All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat of this bread and to drink of this cup,**

**that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*Let us eat and drink together*

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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

ENDING

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory, give us joy and peace in our faith.

**All: Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

# A REFLECTIVE SERVICE: FOR WORSHIP IN ISOLATION

A Prayer resources for those who are unable to meet together

An action to take in italics:

*Set up a candle or a cross for a focal point for your worship*

Say aloud in bold type:

**We come from scattered lives to meet with God.**

**Let us recognise God's presence with us now.**

*Keep a short silence, still your heart.*

**As God's people we have gathered;**

**Let us worship God now together,**

**Across the distance yet joined together in need.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,**

**and kindle in us the fire of your love;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves**

**and confess our sins.**

*Keep a short silence and leave your sins at the cross*

Confession:

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**We are not worthy to be called your children.**

**We turn to you again, have mercy on us,**

**bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead**

**but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Forgiveness:

**May the Father forgive us by the death of the Son,  
and strengthen us to live in the power of The Spirit  
all our days. Amen.**

*Read the bible reading(s) for today*  
[Sunday Readings will be in the weekly Church News]

Declaring our faith

**We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:**

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,**

**but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave,**

**he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself**

**and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore, God has raised him on high,**

**and given him the name above every name: that at the**

**name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim**

**that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

[Taken from Philippians 2.6-11]

*We pray for others in the quiet of our hearts.*

**Lord, meet us in the silence**

**And hear our prayer.**

*Silence for prayer is kept:*

*Pray for yourself in your isolation, that God would sit with you*

*Pray for others in their loneliness*

*Pray for our country*

*Pray for the world*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Keep a moment or two of Silence*

**Faithful God, may we who share in this time of worship  
Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Our salvation and hope, who reigns as Lord now and forever.  
Fill us, Good Lord with your Spirit of love;  
And as you have fed us with your presence,  
so, make us one in heart and mind, In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Ending

**Let us bless the Lord            Thanks be to God!**

**“For God has said, ‘I will not leave you or forsake you’  
so we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will  
not fear’.” (Hebrews 13:5-6)**

**“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you;  
he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not be  
dismayed.” (Deuteronomy 31:8)**

**Please God, we ask that we can meet together in church again, soon. Amen.**

# AN ORDER FOR THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER)

*The office of Compline (Night prayer) comes from an ancient practice of daily prayers by Christian monastic communities. It is a good way to end the day in quiet contemplation and reflection upon the past day before commending yourself to God and a peaceful night's sleep. The office should be said before going to bed in a quiet and calm way; a candle may be lit and you might like to sing a simple hymn.*

**The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.**

**Amen.**

**Our help is in the name of the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.*

**Most merciful God, we confess to you,**

**before the whole company of heaven and one another,**

**that we have sinned in thought, word and deed**

**and in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

*The following or another suitable hymn may be said or listened to.*

**Before the ending of the day,**

**Creator of the world, we pray**

**That you, with steadfast love, would keep**

**Your watch around us while we sleep.**

**From evil dreams defend our sight,**

**From fears and terrors of the night;**

**Tread underfoot our deadly foe**

**That we no sinful thought may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done**

**Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;**

**And Holy Spirit, by whose breath**

**Our souls are raised to life from death.**

*The following psalm may be used.*

- 1. Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, •(pause)  
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.**
- 2. Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary •(pause)  
and bless the Lord.**
- 3. The Lord who made heaven and earth •(pause)  
give you blessing out of Zion.**

*At the end of the psalmody, the following is said*

**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.**

*The following short lesson or another suitable passage is read:*

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22.4,5

Psalm 91

- <sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- <sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."
- <sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you  
from the fowler's snare  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,
- <sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

*The following responses may be said:*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. •(pause)

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth. •(pause)

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. •(pause)

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

*The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said*

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

**1. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.**

**2. My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**

**3. A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel. Luke 2.29-32**

**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.**

*Prayers of intercession and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

*Silence may be kept.*

**Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,  
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Ending

**In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.  
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.  
As the night watch looks for the morning,  
so do we look for you, O Christ.**

**The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. Amen.**