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Eternal God, source of all blessing,  
help us to worship you  
with all our heart and mind and  
strength;  
for you alone are God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

O God, make speed to save us. **All. O Lord, make haste to help us.**

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'  
**All. Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

**Leader.** As we invite God's presence amongst us and as we prepare to  
bring him our worship.

Lord, we lift our hearts and voices to you. **All. Come, Holy Father.**

**Leader.** Lord, we kneel at the foot of your cross. **All. Come, Holy Son.**

**Leader.** Lord, we open our lives to your glory. **All. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Leader.** We invite God's presence amongst us this evening, although we  
are in our own homes, we come together as one fellowship, one Church,  
One body as we prepare to bring him our worship.

Grace and peace with be with us  
and keep us in the love of Christ.  
Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.  
No secrets are hidden from you.  
Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit  
that we may love and worship you faithfully,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### Lighting of Worship Candles



Blessed are you Lord God,  
creator of day and night:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As darkness falls you renew your  
promise to reveal among us the light of  
your presence.  
By the light of Christ,  
your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
that we may walk as children of light.  
**Amen**

Jesus Christ is the light of the  
world; **All. Jesus is our Way.**

With Jesus even dark places are light; **All. Jesus is the Truth.**

In Jesus we shall live for ever; **All. Jesus is our Life.**

**Leader.** Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify **your** Holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. **All. Amen.**

### *Invitation to confession*

**Leader.** Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith. **Matthew 4.17**

**Leader.** We have not always worshipped God, our creator.  
Lord, have mercy. **All. Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader.** We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.  
Christ, have mercy. **All. Christ, have mercy.**

**Leader.** We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.  
Lord, have mercy. **All. Lord, have mercy.**

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**L.** May the God of love bring *us* back to himself,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and assure *us* of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**.Leader. . Collect.**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in  
Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be  
drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

**Reader. As the deer pants for the water**

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and You are my brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

**All. *You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.***

**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**

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### The Word of the Lord

**Reader .** *Hebrews 13 5-6*

<sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

**Leader.** May the Lord be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts as we hear the words of the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

*Mark*      **All. Glory to you, O Lord.**

### The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens,

“You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.”

### The Testing of Jesus

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying,

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Leader.** O God, my Strength, we believe that We can do all things through you who strengthens me.

We ask that You have Your divine way in our lives so that we can grow into this divine promotion that You have called us to. **Amen**

### The Apostles creed

**The Creed** (*We join in with the words in bold*)

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**L.** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,

**All,** **maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**R.** We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,

**All,** **true God from true God,**

**L.** Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

**All,** **Through him all things were made.**

**L.** For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

**All,** **. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**R.** On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**All,** **He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**R.** We believe in the Holy Spirit, **All,** **. the Lord, the giver of life,**

**L.** who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**All,** **With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.**

**Reader.** He has spoken through the prophets.

**All,** **We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**L.** We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,

**All,** **and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### Let us Pray. Prayers of Intercession

**Leader.** Everlasting God we come before you in this time of prayer to give you thanks for all you have done for us. Help us to be aware of your presence and hear your voice and make us always ready to obey your will.  
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

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**Reader** .Gracious God we thank you for our family, friends and neighbours and for those around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. Give us a true awareness that we all share your world with others and help us to make our homes welcoming places that reflect our Christian beliefs.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

**Leader**. Almighty God. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body and mind, those that will be given bad news during the coming week, the sick; those caring for others; those finding it hard to care for themselves, for the dying and those who wait with them; give them courage in their troubles; In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know or love who are in need or ill at this time.....

### Moment of Quiet

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader**. Lord we bring before the named sick

*Any names given for Prayers*

*May Christs healing hand rest on “**NAMES** ” give Them wholeness of body, mind and spirit and also give their families peace and comfort*

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader**. We pray for all who have departed this life, for past members of this community, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. We pray that those left behind may find comfort through the lords Grace.

**LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM**

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**AND RISE IN GLORY**

Father, we rejoice all out prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.

In your unfailing love for us, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, as we honour his mother and say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,**

**the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

**pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

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Holy God thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our loving so that as daily we pray through this coming week we may do it with love and sincerity in sure and certain knowledge of your abiding presence.

Merciful Father. **Please accept these prayers For the Sake of your Son Our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN**

### **The Peace**

**Leader.** God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **and also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF Spiritual Communion**

**Leader.** Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**L.** The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

**L.** The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

**L.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

**L.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**Reader.** It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**L** holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**All.** **Hosanna in the highest.**

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**Reader.** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All.** Hosanna in the highest.

**Leader.** Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;

**All.** to you be glory and praise for ever.

**Leader.** Pour out your Holy Spirit

The Light of God surrounds us;

The Love of God enfolds us;

The Power of God protects us;

The Presence of God watches over us;

**Wherever we are, --God is----**

**Leader.** Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All.** 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,

Forever and ever. Amen.

**Leader** Jesus, We believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

We love You above all things, and desire to receive You into our soul.

Since we cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into our heart's.

**All.** I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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**L.** Soul of Christ,- **sanctify me.**  
Body of Christ,- **save me.**  
Blood of Christ, - **inebriate me.**  
Water from the side of Christ,- **wash me.**  
Passion of Christ, **strengthen me.**

**Leader** O good Jesu, hear me. **All.** Within your wounds hide me.

**Leader.** Suffer me not to be separated from you.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you,  
that with St Matthew and all your Saints O most merciful redeemer,  
friend and brother,

**All.** may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day Amen.

**L.** Almighty God, through Your Blessed Sacrament,  
keep us united with all our brothers and sisters here at St Matthews and  
throughout the church.

Bind us together in Word, Sacrament and Love,

**All.** until we are reunited again in Your church. . Amen.

## NOTICES

### The Conclusion

**Leader.** In peace we will lie down and sleep;

**Reader.** for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

**Leader.** Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

**Reader.** for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

**Leader.** As the night watch looks for the morning,

**All.** so do we look for you, O Christ. AMEN.

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### Goodbyes

**Leader.** Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All.** I come to Christ.

**Leader.** The Lord bless us and keep us;

The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace

And we pray that

**All.** The blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Spirit will be among us and remain with us always.

**Amen**

Let us bless the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God

and **All.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**