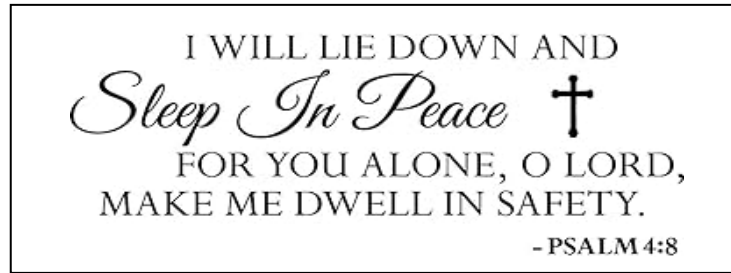


“In peace I will lie down and sleep,” 15th September



Leader, Greeting,

Lord Jesus Christ,

you said to your disciples, ‘I am with you always’.

Be with us this evening as we offer ourselves to you.

Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves,

and keep us in your care. **Amen.**

Loving God, we give you thanks for calling us to come together

in worship,

in reflection,

and in celebration as one fellowship.

Although we are in our separate homes your Spirit holds us firmly together,

Come among us

And dwell in us this evening and all our meetings whether it be remotely in our homes or together in Church. **Amen.**

The lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lighting of Worship Candles



Blessed are you Lord God,
creator of day and night:
By the light of Christ,
your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light.
Amen

The Lord is my light and my salvation:

my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you. **All and also with you.**

Preparation

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

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

All. 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.

L. Lord have Mercy, **Lord have Mercy**
Reader. Christ Have Mercy, **Christ Have Mercy**
Leader. Lord have Mercy, **Lord have Mercy**

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

Reader. Said Hymn .
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.

**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.**

The Word of God
Psalmody Psalm 4

L. *The refrain is* :In peace I will lie down and sleep.

All. In peace I will lie down and sleep.

L. Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;

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you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; ?
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. R
All. In peace I will lie down and sleep.

Reader . 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There are many that say, ‘Who will show us any good?’
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

8. In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.
Refrain: In peace I will lie down and sleep.

Leader Give us today, O God,
a glad heart and a clear conscience,
that when we come to this day’s end
we may rest in peace with Christ our Lord.

**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.**

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

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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.

Leader Gospel according to Mark 2. 1-12.

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

2A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.

Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things?

Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?

But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man,

“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.

This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying,

“We have never seen anything like this!”

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

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Be present, O merciful God,
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;
All. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gloria L. 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, **All we praise you for your glory.**

Reader. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
**All you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

Reader. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
**All Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us Pray

Leader. O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and love,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon all who turn to you for help;
Lord, in your Mercy, - **Hear our prayer**

Reader Loving God we pray for the hungry in our world – may they receive the
help that they need;
for those who hold the power to feed others – let them be guided by your grace;
for those who struggle with food and eating – may they receive support;
for those who suffer sickness, loneliness, grief or fear – may they know your
nourishing love.
Lord, in your mercy **All hear our prayer.**

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Reader Loving God we place in your hands those who are sick. We ask that you ease their pain, and heal the damage they are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses.

In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know who are in need 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 Names .

May Christ's healing hand rest upon them,
and 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.

Eternal rest grant unto them, *O Lord,*
and **LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM**
may they rest in Peace
AND RISE IN GLORY. Amen

We pray to you, our God, for those who are mourning the death of someone close and dear to them, may they find comfort in your unconditional Grace.

Father, we rejoice all our prayers in fellowship with St Matthew,
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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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.

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

L. It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

All. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All. It is right to give thanks and praise.

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;

All. Wherever we are, --God is----

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

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 them that 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.

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Jesus Said “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” *John 8.12*

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Leader Let us say together the prayer of the act of Spiritual communion.
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 souls.

All. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to
You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Leader Be still and rest in the love of God.

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.**

L. O good Jesu, hear us.
Within your wounds hide us.
Suffer us not to be separated from you.
From the malicious enemy defend us.

All 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,
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.

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Bind us together in Word, Sacrament and Love, until we are reunited again in Your church. . Amen.

Moment of Silence

Leader The Lord be with you. **All:** And also with you

Reader. Loving Father,
we thank you for sustaining us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen,**

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Leader. 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.

Reader. 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.

Leader. God, you are everything to us,
giving us life,
filling us with love,
and setting us free from sin
that we might live in you.
We Pray that you Accept the work of our hands this day,
give us your peace
and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen..**

Leader. Let us go in peace.
We go into the world to walk in God’s light,
to rejoice in God’s love and to reflect God’s glory. **Amen.**

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- Goodbyes

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

Loud Response by All. I come to Christ.

Leader. Christ we pray you give us grace to grow in holiness,
to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow you,

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