

The Collect

All

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

Amen.

Lighten our darkness. Lord, we pray;
and in your mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Blessing

Amen

Hymn Here is Love Vast as the Ocean

<https://youtu.be/v8YOPj5TnUM>

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Opening Prayer

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Hymn

All My Hope on God is Founded

<https://youtu.be/W3LCGh02Vew>

Reading

Romans 5:1-8

¹⁻² By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

The Message

Reflection

The wide open spaces of God's grace

Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th June 2020

Gathering Music

Da Pacem Cordium (Taizè)

'Give peace to every heart'

<https://youtu.be/hZTur8ybhzc>

Psalm 42

1 As the deer longs for the water brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.
2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living
God;
when shall I come before the presence of God?
3 My tears have been my bread day and night,
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now
your God?'
4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out
my soul:
how I went with the multitude
and led the procession to the house of God,
5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who kept holy day.
6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
7 O put your trust in God;
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*Come, creator Spirit, source of life;
sustain us when our hearts are heavy
and our wells have run dry,
for you are the Father's gift,
with him who is our living water,
Jesus 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.**

Prayers

Father God we want to thank you for your unchanging love and goodness through all the trials and tribulations of life. We are so grateful that no matter what happens, or how often we fall short of our best, you look on us with love and compassion. We have peace with a perfect loving Heavenly Father. Nothing can separate us from your grace and mercy. This gives us hope in things eternal and hope in every circumstance.

For your mercy Lord
We thank you

Lord, may we then turn that grace towards others. We ask for greater sensitivity to the sufferings and injustices experienced by so many. Help

us to work towards a more inclusive and compassionate world, to lay aside our fears and prejudices and see others as You see them. We are all children of the same Heavenly Father. Thank you that you have poured out your love into our hearts by your Holy Spirit, help us to do the same for the needy, the desperate, the hopeless.

For your mercy Lord,
We thank you

We pray for your church worldwide, for Christians in lockdown. May there be a fresh sense of a church in every home, where you dwell with us. Give fresh vision to leaders and clergy as they reflect upon the blessings and opportunities that might come from this season of constraint. Help us to follow where you lead Lord Jesus. We place the future of our 3 parishes in your hands.

We pray wisdom, openness and strength for those making huge decisions about the future of this nation. May they turn to you for guidance and help.

For your mercy Lord
We thank you

We remember all those who are suffering deeply at this time, from grief, fear, loss, anxiety, abuse, sickness, loneliness or despair. We commend them to your unfailing love and kindness. Jesus, be alongside, before and behind, beneath and with them in their struggles. We hold onto the promise that you are able to bring good out of all suffering, light in every dark corner and that hope will not disappoint us, as we put our trust in God.

In silence we lift all those on our hearts who need healing and hope

For your presence Lord
We thank you

Finally we thank you for all the blessings of this life and for hope in life eternal.
May all those facing death know the peace that passes all understanding.

Merciful Father,
**All Accept these prayers
for the sake of your son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**