

**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**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Send us out to live lives that glorify you  
Help us to be people of peace  
Empower us to recognize your call  
In our families, in our communities, in our work places,  
In our churches and in our world. **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**

May the grace of the Father be with us;  
may the love of the Son enfold us;  
and may the peace of the Spirit comfort us,  
today and always.

**Amen**

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*Evening Prayer*

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020*

**Gathering Music**

Stainer Hail Gladdening Light

St Hughes College Chapel Choir

**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**

Holy Holy Holy <https://youtu.be/YIHD40CZY34>

**Reading**

Matthew 28: 16-20  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**Reflection**

Living in love and peace

**Psalm 133**

**Refrain:** Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron’s beard, running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore.

**Refrain: Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

*Grant to your people, good Lord,  
the spirit of unity,  
that they may dwell together in your love,  
and so bear to the world  
the ointment of your healing and the  
dew of your blessing;  
through 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**

We come boldly to the throne of grace,  
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

We are a world that is desperate for you, God.

When powers struggle for dominance,  
and war, oppression and abuse result;  
When groups of people oppose one another  
because of ideology, religion or culture;  
We need a God who is bigger than ourselves,  
and our personal interests.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

When people are disregarded and devalued  
because of poverty, geography or disease;  
When compassion and justice is withheld to some  
because of sexuality, race or gender;  
We need a Saviour who is more compassionate than we are  
who includes even those we would exclude.  
We bring to you people from our own community or known to us

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May they know your healing and hope at the point of their need  
Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

When resources are mismanaged and abused,  
and the world and its creatures are destroyed;  
When motivation is scarce and creativity is in short supply  
to address the challenges that we face;  
We need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative  
than we could ever be.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Lord God, Loving Saviour, Empowering Spirit,  
we offer you these prayers  
because we need you so desperately.  
Captivate us, call us and fill us,  
that we may be carriers of your eternal life  
to this world that you love so dearly. **Amen.**

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

**The Collect**

**All  
Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**