

The Collect

All O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

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

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

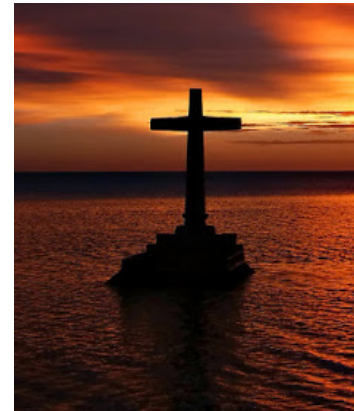
Lighten our darkness. Lord, we pray;
and in your mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Grace

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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 In Christ Alone <https://youtu.be/pH2Efm5Zjl>

Reading John 17:1-11
Acts 1: 6-14

Reflection 'Till we meet again.

A Song of Christ's Appearing

Refrain:

All Christ was believed in throughout the world
and taken up in glory.

1 Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh
and vindicated in the spirit.

Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th May 2020

Gathering Music

Veni Sancte Spiritus Come, Holy Spirit
Taize Community Choir
<https://youtu.be/tG95MEZD2fl>

2 He was seen by angels
and proclaimed among the nations.
3 Believed in throughout the world,
he was taken up in glory.
4 This will be made manifest at the proper time
by the blessed and only Sovereign,
5 Who alone has immortality,
and dwells in unapproachable light.

**All To the King of kings and Lord of lords
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.**

1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15,16

**All Christ was believed in throughout the world
and taken up in glory.**

**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

Lord Jesus, you comforted your friends with the
promise of your Holy Spirit and that you would be
with them always even to the end of time. Help us
your friends, by the power of your Holy Spirit to live
as people of hope, people of loving kindness and
people of overflowing generosity.

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, we offer you our prayers for all those in
grief and desolation because of the coronavirus,
cyclones and extreme need.
For lives shattered, for mental and physical anguish,
for fear and helplessness in the face of so many
threats, we ask your help, your strength and your
creative power to make all things new. We ask a
special outpouring of peace and unity of purpose, as
we trust in You.

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer

Holy Spirit of Truth and Wisdom, guide all those
involved in researching solutions and treatment for
this virus. We ask you to reduce its virulence and
thank you for all the knowledge, dedication and care
given by the helping professions everywhere.
Be with the leaders of every nation to listen to wise
counsel, to be bold and compassionate in the
decisions they make.

As nations face financial catastrophe and crippling
debt, help us all to care for one another and look for
ways to support the weak and enable people to
flourish.

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer

In the light of changing restrictions, help us to make
wise choices ourselves, for the good of others. Calm
those who are afraid of death. Be close to those who
mourn. We remember in a moment of quiet those on
our hearts.

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer

Finally we pray for your people everywhere, for your
Holy Spirit to come and fill your church on earth.
Help us to see opportunity and life in this season of
trouble.

Let us open ourselves afresh to pray for your
Kingdom to come among us, and to receive from You
the precious, daily infilling of your Holy Spirit from on
high.

Merciful Father,

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