

### **The Collect**

#### **All**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

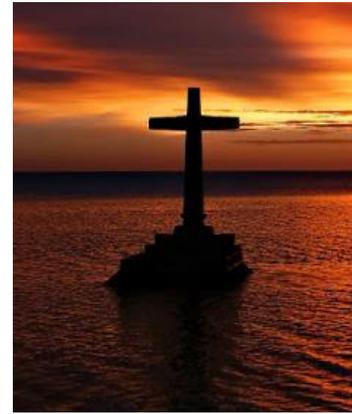
Lighten our darkness. Lord, we pray;  
and in your mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**Hymn** Come thou fount of every blessing

### **Blessing**

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## *Evening Prayer*

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020*

### **Gathering Music**

**Walk humbly with your God –  
Malcolm Archer**  
*sung by St Martin's Voices*

He has shown you what is good:  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly, to love mercy,  
to walk humbly with your God.  
Amen. *Micah 6-8*

### **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** Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

**Reading** Romans 12:1-8

**Reflection** *We who are many form one body..*

**A Song of God's Assembled**

**All**

**We have come before the throne of God to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

1 We have come before God's holy mountain, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.

**2 We have come before countless angels making festival, before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.**

3 We have come before God, who is judge of all, before the spirits of the just made perfect.

**4 We have come before Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant.**

5 We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken:

so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,

**6 Full of reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.**

*Hebrews 12.22-24a, 28, 29*

**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 to God as those called to serve him and play our part in the body of Christ, his precious son, and through the power of his Holy Spirit, freely given to all.

Lord God, giver of good gifts

As reflect on your goodness to us during the past months, we trust you with the future. We pray that you will continue to equip and resource us so that we may each serve you using the gifts you have given each one of us.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Lord God, giver of wisdom

We pray your broken and hurting world. We ask for wisdom for leaders and justice for the poor and vulnerable.

We are sorry for our corporate selfishness and ask you to lead us into a way of living that will; reflect your life-giving love for this world.

We pray for our own government as it negotiates Brexit and the ongoing pandemic. We pray for a will to work for the good of all and for personal ambition to be set aside.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord God, giver of hope and healing

We pray for our communities. We think of those frightened by the current issues we face and especially those facing economic hardship. We thank you for the work of our local foodbank and pray it will continue to be blessing to those who need it.

We pray for our health care workers and especially pray for their protection. We ask for health and recovery for those affected by the virus in some of our local care homes and for people in our communities.

We especially pray for those known to us.....

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord God, giver of life

We thank you for our church communities as we thank you for the appointment of David to be our Priest in Charge. Please bless him and his family as he takes up his new duties in serving the body of Christ.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,

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