

The Parish of Louth

Weekly notes and information for
18th March and 22nd March 2020

Eve of Joseph and 4th Sunday in Lent



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**In all we do, we seek to live out Jesus' command to draw close to the love of God in worship,
and to share this by loving our neighbour**

Collect Prayer at Daily Prayer following the 3rd Sunday in Lent

WE thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect Prayer at Daily Prayer following the 4th Sunday in Lent

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Given the situation regarding COVID-19, public worship has been suspended. However, our life as a praying and worshipping community continues – holding the needs of our communities before God in prayer and seeking heaven on earth through worship in our hearts. The clergy of the Deanery will be sustaining a full pattern of prayer and worship as outlined here. We hope that you will find opportunities to join this important task from home – our communities need our prayer more than ever. In this leaflet you will find the following resources to use:

- A Collect Prayer for use and Morning and Evening Prayer (above);
- An outline of the times at which we will be praying, together with the readings we will be reading;
- The Collect Prayer and Readings for reading and reflection at the time of our Sunday worship;
- Forms of prayer you may find useful to use as you join us in prayer in your own way.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Resources for you to use for Morning and Evening Prayer, and at the time when worship is taking place as the Eucharist is offered, are printed on the following pages.

PLEASE KEEP THESE TO USE IN SUBSEQUENT WEEKS.

You may find the following resources useful to help your prayers and reflections:

Deanery of Louthesk: The Confraternity of St Herefrith

Video and other prayer resources will be available from the confraternity's website, including a regular meditation by members of the clergy serving the Deanery of Louthesk.

<https://herefrith.org/confraternity-resources/video/>

Diocese of Lincoln: The Homilies Project

A series of homilies that may be used within the context of worship – together with some outlines of a form of worship you could use in the home. A meditation on the main Sunday readings is provided.

<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/the-homilies-project>

Copies of this will be available to collect from Louth St James (and other churches as it is possible to distribute them).

Oikodomeo

Resources for prayer When public worship is not possible

<https://oikodomeo.home.blog/2020/03/17/resources-for-prayer-when-public-worship-is-not-possible/>

Church of England

General advice, including resources for prayer and more online resources:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na>

PRAYER AND WORSHIP THIS WEEK...

Wednesday 18th	9 15am	Matins Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 6-8 Psalm 38; Genesis 49.1-32; Hebrews 6.13-end
	3pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 Psalm 132; Hosea 11.1-9; Luke 2.41-end
	7 30pm	Compline Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 12-15
Thursday 19th <i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>	9 15am	Matins Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 6-8 Psalm 25; Isaiah 11.1-10; Matthew 13.54-end
	10am	Eucharist for Joseph of Nazareth Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 15-16 2 Samuel 7.4-16; Romans 4.13-18
	3pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 Psalm 1; Genesis 50.22-end; Matthew 2.13-end
	7 30pm	Compline Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 12-15

Friday 20th	9 15am	Matins Please join in at home – a resource to use is on page s 6-8 Psalm 22; Exodus 1.1-14; Hebrews 7.11-end
	3pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 Psalm 69; Jeremiah 15.10-end; John 8.48-end
	7 30pm	Compline Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 12-15
Saturday 21st	12 30pm	Midday Prayer
Sunday 22nd March	10am	Eucharist for Mothering Sunday Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 15-16 Samuel 16.1-13; Col. 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35 Hopefully, daffodils will be blessed in the course of this service – which people can then collect from the church when it is open for private prayer.
	6pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 1 Samuel 16.1-13; Ephesians 5.8-14
Monday 23rd	9 15am	Matins Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 6-8 Psalm 77; Exodus 2.11-22; Hebrews 9.1-14
	3pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 Psalm 25; Jeremiah 17.5-18; John 9.18-end
	7 30pm	Compline Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 12-15
Tuesday 24th	9 15am	Matins Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 6-8 Psalm 79; Exodus 2. 23-3.20; Hebrews 9.15-end
	11am	Holy Communion Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 15-16
	3pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 Psalm 85; Wisdom 9.1-12 Galatians 4.1-5
	7 30pm	Compline Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 12-15
Wednesday 25th <i>Annunciation</i>	9 15am	Matins Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 6-8 Psalm 111; 1 Samuel 2.1-10; Romans 5.12-end
	10am	Eucharist for the Annunciation of the BVM Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 15-16 Isaiah 7.10-14; Hebrews 10.4-10; Lue 1.26-38
	3pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 Psalm 131 and 146; Isaiah 52.1-12; Hebrews 2.5-end

	7 30pm	Compline Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 12-15
Thursday 26th	9 15am	Matins Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 6-8 Psalm 86; Exodus 4.27-6.1; Hebrews 19.25-end
	3pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 Psalm 94; Jeremiah 19.1-13; John 10.22-end
	7 30pm	Compline Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 12-15
Friday 27th	9 15am	Matins Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 6-8 Psalm 102; Exodus 6.2-13; Hebrews 10.26-end
	3pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 Psalm 16; Jeremiah 19.14-20.6; John 11.1-16
	7 30pm	Compline Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 12-15
Saturday 28th	12 30pm	Midday Prayer
Sunday 29th March 5th Sunday of Lent	10am	Eucharist for Passion Sunday Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 15-16 Romans 8.6-11; Ezekiel 37.1-14; John 11.1-45
	6pm	Evening Prayer Please join in at home – a resource to use is on pages 9-11 Lamentations 3.19-33; Matthew 20.17-end

PRAYERS AND READINGS AT THE EUCHARIST THIS SUNDAY...

Collect Prayer

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading: Samuel 16.1-13

A Reading from the book of Samuel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD;

sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3.12-17

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians. As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.33-35

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matins (or Morning Prayer): An Order of Service

If used in the context of a family or household the words in **bold** are said by all. If said alone, all words are spoken by the individual praying.

Along with this order of service you will need a Bible for the psalm and readings. To find out which psalm and readings to use please see the weekly outline of prayer and worship on pages 1 and 2 of this booklet.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

The Word of God

*Say or recite the appointed **Psalm**. (See pages 2-4 for details)*

The Psalm ends with the 'Gloria patri':

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

*A Reading from **The Old Testament**. (See pages 2-4 for details)*

*Say or sing the **Canticle**; either the **Benedictus** (below) or **Jubilate** (Psalm 100):*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets: which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy covenant; To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us; That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him without fear; In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.

And thou child shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to pre pare his ways; To give knowledge of

salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

A Reading from The New Testament. (See pages 2-4 for details)

The Creed

You may wish to stand to say the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer and Prayers:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father **which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in 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. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

These Prayers end with one or more Collects for the Day (see page 1) and the following morning Collects:

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A time for Reflection

You may find this a good time to play a piece of recorded music or listen to one of the podcasts/video meditations.

The Conclusion

*The service ends by praying the **Grace**:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

Evensong (or Evening Prayer): An Order of Service

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And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

The congregation stands

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

The Word of God

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The Psalm ends with the 'Gloria patri':

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

*A Reading from **The Old Testament**. (See pages 2-4 for details)*

*Say or sing the **Canticle**; the **Magnificat**:*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The congregation sits for a Reading from The New Testament.

The congregation stands to say the Nunc Dimittis:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lesser Litany and Lord's Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The congregation kneels

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in 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. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

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Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Prayers end with one or more Collects for the Day and the following evening Collects:

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

A time for Reflection

You may find this a good time to play a piece of recorded music or listen to one of the podcasts/video meditations.

The Conclusion

*The service ends by praying the **Grace**:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

Compline (or Night Prayer): An Order of Service

The service may be preceded by a time of reflection and/or silent prayer.

The Preparation

Opening Prayer and Responses

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

Amen.

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to God

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

Silence is kept.

**We confess to God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
through our own grievous fault.
Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.**

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Turn us, O God our Saviour.

And let thine anger cease from us.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.



Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

The Word of God

Verses from Psalm 4, or another suitable psalm are said or sung.

Antiphon (which may be said before and after the psalm)

Have mercy upon me, O God, **and hearken unto my prayer.**

Hear me when I call, O God of my *righteousness* :

thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is *godly* : when I call upon the Lord, he *will* hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin *not* : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of *righteousness* : and put your trust *in* the Lord.

There be many that *say* : Who will shew *us* any good?

Lord, lift thou *up*: the light of thy countenance *upon* us.

Thou hast put gladness in my *heart*: since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil *increased*.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my *rest* : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell *in* safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son*: and to *the* Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall *be*: world without *end*. Amen.

The Lesson

A Reading from the Old and/or New Testament is read. The following suggested readings may be suitable:

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14.9*

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith. *1 Peter 5.8, 9*

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. *Revelation 22.4, 5*

Responsory

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth;

I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of an eye;

Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Gospel Cantic: Nunc Dimittis

Antiphon (which may be said before and after the cantic)

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

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, **which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**
thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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. Amen.

A time of prayer ends with the following or another suitable Collect:

Lighten our darkness,
we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night:
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Conclusion

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.
For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, O Lord
for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.
As the watchmen look for the morning
so do we look for thee, O Lord.

The Lord be with you **and with thy spirit.**
Let us bless the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
bless us and preserve us. **Amen.**

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Spiritual Communion when unable to attend a celebration of the Eucharist

If a household are praying together one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the sections in bold type. If alone read all the words aloud. You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a bible, cross or crucifix to look at.

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect Prayer and Readings (see pages 2-4 for details)

Spend a few moments praying for the people you know and love, the needs of the world and for an end to the current Pandemic. End your intercessions with The Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in 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, For ever and ever. Amen.

An Act of Contrition

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things, and I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again, grant that I may love you always, and then do with me what you will.

An Act of Spiritual Reception

In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise

and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

O LORD and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. Amen.

End by praying the Grace:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

CURRENT NEWS ABOUT CORONA VIRUS

Church is having to live out its life in a different way at the present time. The resources in this booklet aim to provide a way of us praying together for ourselves, and our communities. Important points are:

- Public worship is currently not possible, but the clergy of the deanery will be maintaining a life of prayer and worship for and on behalf of our communities;
- Our churches will be open as much as possible for private prayer (St James in Louth will be open from 8 30am to 12noon every day and at other times as is possible – please see local notices for details of other churches);
- Pastoral care will look different over the coming weeks – please all look out for neighbours in need. Clergy will try to maintain contact by ‘phone or other means – prioritising personal visits to those who are seriously ill or near death;
- We are working with individuals to ensure that pastoral offices are provided as needed
 - Baptisms and marriages are being postponed unless there is a need through sickness;
 - There are likely to be restrictions on the number and range of people allowed to attend funerals (we will arrange memorial services at a later date where this meets a pastoral need for others to remember someone who has died).
- Above all, we carry on as a praying community...

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING and its associated District Meetings have been postponed

A revised date will be announced when the situation permits.

In our prayers this week...

All those affected by the current pandemic

The Sick and those in need: *Peggy Baillie, Anne-Marie Bidwell, Mary Best, Helen Blakey, Hildegard Deetmer-Becroft, Rosemary Huke, Corie Langford, Christina Livesey, Roly Livesey, Mal Locking, Brian Luckwell, Anna Mamwell, Alan Pounds, Sylvia Pounds, Eileen Robinson, Marjorie Spendlow, Enid Spicer, Pauline Watson, Stuart Watson, Elaine Wedge*

Those who have died: *Gertrude Hubert, Ethel Enderby, Marjorie Sanderson, Carol Speed, Pearl Moulding, Kenneth Hurst, Norman Vickers, Phillipa Jones, Reggie Turner Dixon, Joan Davy*

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For information about how to respond to safeguarding concerns,
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