

Morning and Evening Prayer

during the Coronavirus restrictions

These prayers will be said in St Bartholomew's each day at 8:30am and 6:30pm and on Saturday and Sunday at 10am. On Sunday, a short reflection will be offered as part of the prayers.

We join with each other in worship and prayer as we say these prayers knowing that others are similarly praying at the same time as us, even though we may be physically separated from them.

Page 2 has some prayers written especially for the present situation.

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Further resources for prayer at this time can be found at:

- www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources
- 'Time to Pray' app for Android or iOS available FREE from Google Play or Apple App Store
- BBC Radio 4 daily worship broadcast at 9:45am on LW and DAB radio and Sunday worship broadcast live at 8:10am on Radio 4
- www.sacredspace.ie has an online form of daily prayer including a daily Gospel reflection

SOME PRAYERS AT THIS TIME

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us. Amen.

(Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference)

MORNING PRAYER

PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help
and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

**Glory to God, source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

A moment of silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

PSALMODY

The morning Psalm for the day is said.

At the end of the Psalm:

**Glory to God, source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

The morning reading for the day is read.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah):

1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, *
who has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets God promised of old *
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.

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4. To show mercy to our ancestors, *
and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8. To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

[Luke 1.68-79]

**Glory to God, source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray in silence or aloud...

- *for the world and its needs*
- *for our Parish and our communities*
- *for all those affected by Coronavirus*
- *for ourselves and those dear to us*

The prayers on page 2 may be used.

To conclude the prayers of intercessions, the Collect of the day or the following is said.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have shed upon us
the new light of your incarnate Word,
giving us gladness in our sorrow
and a presence in our isolation:
fill our lives with your light
until they overflow with gladness and with praise;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is said:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE CONCLUSION

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

EVENING PRAYER

PREPARATION

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Lead your people to freedom, O God.

All **And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

**Glory to God, source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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.

Amen.

PSALMODY

The evening Psalm for the day is said.

At the end of the Psalm:

**Glory to God, source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

The evening reading for the day is read.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary):

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; *
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
2. From this day all generations will call me blessed; *
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

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3. He has mercy on those who fear him, *
from generation to generation.
4. He has shown strength with his arm *
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
5. Casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
6. He has filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
7. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, *
to remember his promise of mercy,
8. The promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

[Luke 1.46-55]

**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.**

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O God, by whose command
the order of time runs its course:
forgive our restlessness,
perfect our faith
and, while we await the fulfilment of your promise,
grant us to have good hope
through the Word made flesh,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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THE CONCLUSION

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

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