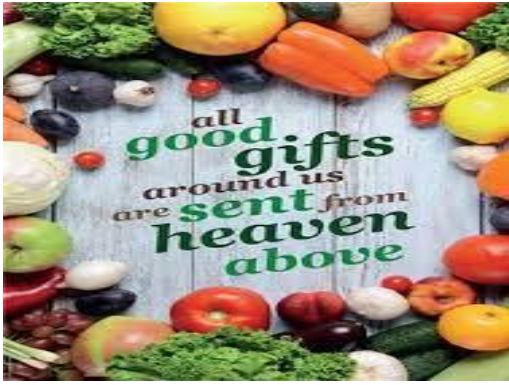


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Let us not become weary  
in doing good, for at the  
proper time we will reap a  
harvest if we do not give  
up.

[Galatians 6:9](#)

**Leader.** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

**Leader.** The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

**Leader.** The land has yielded its harvest. **our God has blessed us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.  
Be with us this evening in our Worship,  
Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves,  
and keep us in your care. **Amen.**

Be with us, Spirit of God;

**All, nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God; **All, fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God; **All, bring strength, healing and peace.**

**Silence is kept**

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

Loving God, we give thanks for calling us to come together in worship,  
reflection, and celebration as one fellowship.

Although we are in our separate homes your Spirit holds us firmly  
together,

Eternal God and Father,

you create and redeem us by the power of your love;

guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,

that we may give ourselves in love and service to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

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## Lighting of Worship Candles



Blessed are you Lord God,  
creator of day and night:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As darkness falls you renew your  
promise to reveal among us the light of  
your presence.  
By the light of Christ,  
your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
that we may walk as children of light.  
**Amen**

The Lord is my light and my salvation:  
my God shall make my darkness to be bright.  
The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**All and also with you.**

## Invitation to confession

**Leader.** Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader.** We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Leader.** We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader.** We pray that God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgives us our sins and makes us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Gloria

**L.** Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
**we praise you for your glory.**

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**Reader.** Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**Leader.** For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Leader. Collect. Let us pray**  
Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All. Amen.**

**Reader. Said Hymn. We plough the fields and scatter**  
We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand.  
God sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.  
**All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.**  
**We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love.**

2 You only are the Maker  
of all things near and far.  
You paint the wayside flower,  
you light the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey you,  
by you the birds are fed;  
much more to us, your children,  
you give our daily bread.  
**All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.**  
**We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love**

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3 We thank you, then, Creator,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time, and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all your love imparts,  
and what you most would welcome:  
our humble, thankful hearts.

**All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.  
We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love**

**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.**

**Reader** First Reading. A reading from the book Deuteronomy.

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land,  
a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in  
valleys and hills,  
a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates,  
a land of olive trees and honey,  
a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing,  
a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.  
You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he  
has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his  
commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you  
today.

This the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**leader.** May the Lord be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts as we hear  
the words of the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John* **All.**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 6. 27-35**

Then they said to Jesus,

“What must we do to perform the works of God?”

Jesus answered them,

“This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

So they said to him, “

What sign are **you** going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you?

What work are you performing?

Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written,

‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”

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Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**L.O** God, my Strength,

we believe that We can do all things through you who strengthens us.

We ask that You have Your divine way in our lives so that we can grow into this divine promotion that You have called us to.

## Let us Pray. Prayers of Intercession

**Leader.** Let us pray to God, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

**Reader.** God of creation, we thank you for the world we see around us; For the flowers, the trees and the animals.

Bless all those who care for them, Lord.

Help us to protect your creation by being careful about how we use your resources, so that there will be clean water, clean air and maintain the ecological balance of our countryside.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

**Leader.** At this harvest time, we thank you for the hard work of all those who grow, protect and prepare our food; for the shopkeepers, the transport delivery drivers, the processors and the farmers.

Bless all those, Lord, who do not earn a fair day's pay for their hard Work, both here and in other countries.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

**Reader.** At this harvest time we ask for your blessing on our families, friends and neighbours, and on those who are sick .

In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know who are in need at this time.....

(Moment of Quiet)

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

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**Leader** . Lord we bring before you the named sick

*Any names given for Prayers*

May Christs healing hand rest upon them, and give Them wholeness of body,  
mind and spirit  
and also give their families peace and comfort  
Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

**Leader**. We pray for all who have departed this life, for past members of this community, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, *O Lord*,  
*and* **LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM**  
may they rest in Peace  
**AND RISE IN GLORY. Amen**

We pray to you, our God, for those who are mourning the death of someone close and dear to them, may they find comfort in your unconditional Grace.

Father, we rejoice all our prayers in fellowship with St Matthew,  
In your unfailing love for us,  
hear and answer **our** prayers through **your** Son,  
as we honour his mother and say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Source of all life, and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accordance with your will;  
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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## **The Peace**

**Leader** The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

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## Spiritual Communion

**L.** The Lord be with you    **All.** and also with you.

**L.** It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

**L.** Lift up your hearts.        **All.** We lift them to the Lord.

**L.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All.** It is right to give thanks and praise.

**Reader.** It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

**Leader.** Pour out your Holy Spirit  
The Light of God surrounds us;  
The Love of God enfolds us;  
The Power of God protects us;  
The Presence of God watches over us;  
**All.** Wherever we are, --God is----

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us:

**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 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,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

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Jesus Said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8.12*

**Leader** Let us say together the prayer of the act of Spiritual communion. Jesus, we believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

We love You above all things,  
and desire to receive You into our souls.

Since we cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into our hearts.

**All.** I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

**Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

### **Leader**

Be still and rest in the love of God.

Soul of Christ,- **sanctify me.**

Body of Christ,- **save me.**

Blood of Christ, -**inebriate me.**

Water from the side of Christ,- **wash me.**

Passion of Christ, -**strengthen me.**

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from you.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

**All.** In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you,  
that with St Matthew and all your Saints O most merciful  
redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day Amen.

**L.** Almighty God, through Your Blessed Sacrament,  
keep us united with all our brothers and sisters here at St Matthews and  
throughout the church.

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**Bind us together in Word, Sacrament and Love,  
until we are reunited again in Your church. . Amen.**

## **Moment of Silence**

**Leader** The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you**

**Reader.** Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **NOTICES .**

**Leader.** As we prepare to leave and embrace the challenges of our lives and our world let us ask for God to bless us with wisdom to care for our earth **Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

**Leader.** In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

**Reader** Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

**Reader.** As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ. AMEN.**

## **Leader. Prayer for God's Blessing**

The God of all grace, who with St Matthew, and all the saints, called us to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle us in the faith;  
and we pray **That the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
will be among us and remain with us always. Amen.**

**Leader.** Let us go in peace.

**We go into the world to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**

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**Leader.** Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**Loud Response by All.** I come to Christ.

Let us bless the Lord. **All** Thanks be to God.

**And 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.**