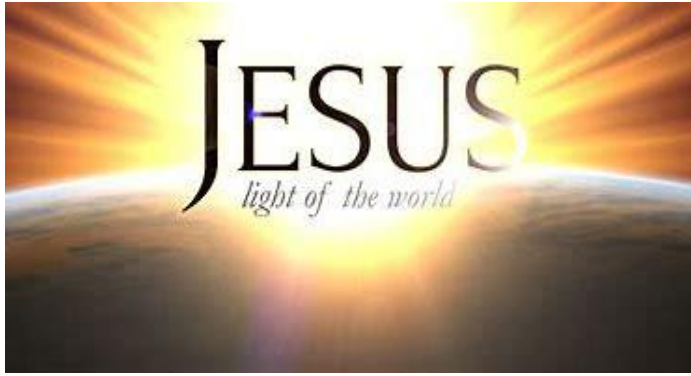


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Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' [John 8:12](#)

The lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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**

[Lighting the Candle,](#)

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For you deliver a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.
² It is you who light my candle;
the LORD, my God, lights up my
darkness. *Psalm 18. 27-28*

Lord Jesus Christ,
As these candles burn with visible fire and dispel the darkness of night,
So may our hearts with the help of your grace be enlightened by the
invisible fire of the splendour of the Holy Ghost, and may be free from all
blindness of sin.

After the dark perils of this life, let us be worthy to reach the eternal light.
Through thee, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

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

Come Holy spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people

All. And Kindle in us the fire of your love

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

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

Leader. As we come together this evening in Jesus's name as the family St Matthews, we give thanks for the Good news that the living Lord Jesus Christ, the word who became flesh, is among us, as we meet in His name.

Reader . Most merciful God, we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.

**All. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

Leader. O God, make speed to save us.

All. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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Reader. Said Hymn. *The Light of the world is Jesus!*

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin,
The Light of the world is Jesus!
Like sunshine at noonday, His glory shone in;
The Light of the world is Jesus!

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide;
The Light of the world is Jesus!
We walk in the light when we follow our Guide!
The Light of the world is Jesus!

No need of the sunlight in Heaven we're told;
The Light of the world is Jesus!
The Lamb is the Light in the city of gold,
The Light of the world is Jesus!

Come to the light, 'is shining for thee;
Sweetly the light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see:
The Light of the world is Jesus!

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.

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.

Gospel: John 8 12-18

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

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Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going.

You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one.

But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.

In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true.

I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.”.

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

Let us Pray.

Father, we pray that you give us not only eyes to see your truth but also a heart that is open to your truth.

We Pray that you give us the guidance and opportunities to shine your light, Your love, Your wisdom Open on those around us, **Amen.**

Reader. Gospel Canticle

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

(Luke 2.29-32)

**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

Leader. The Collect, *Let us Pray*

O Lord, from whom all good things come:

Grant to us your humble servants,

that, by your holy inspiration

we may think those things that be good,

and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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Leader. That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful, and full of your presence:

We pray to you, our God.

Leader. That the work we have done and the people we have met today may bring us closer to you:

We pray to you, our God.

Leader. That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice: in faith we pray.

We pray to you, our God.

Reader. That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious:

We pray to you, our God.

Reader. That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:.

We pray to you, our God.

Reader. Almighty God. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body and mind, those that will be given bad news during the coming week, the sick; those caring for others; those finding it hard to care for themselves, for the dying and those who wait with them; give them courage in their troubles;

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

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

Moment of Quiet

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord, we bring before you the named sick

[names](#)

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*May Christs healing hand rest on “**NAMES** ” give Them wholeness of body, mind and spirit and also give their families peace and comfort*

We pray for all who have recently departed this life,

Leader. We for past members of this community whose anniversaries fall at this time.

+ rest eternal grant upon to them O Lord

Let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

AND RISE IN GLORY

Father, we rejoice all out prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.

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**

Holy God thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our loving so that as daily we pray through this coming week we may do it with love and sincerity in sure and certain knowledge of your abiding presence.

Merciful Farther. **All Please accept these prayers For the Sake of your Son Our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN**

The Peace

Leader Jesus said You are the light of the world.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

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Take a moment-

Prayer for Spiritual Unity

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

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

Reader 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.

Leader. For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Leader.. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born as man and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Leader. 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 those 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, “And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

.Leader. My 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. Come, Holy Spirit. **All.** Blessed be God,

Moment of silent reflection.

Leader We Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of our soul
As we say,
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.

Leader And 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.

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

Bind us together in Word, Love and Service.. **Amen.**

Notices

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.**

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.**