

Service of Light Sunday 7.00pm



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. *John 1.5*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens
and your faithfulness never ceases.
Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom
and strengthen our lives with your word,
for you are the fountain of life;
in your light we see true light.
Blessed be God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

At the end we say Amen.

*We join in singing or saying the hymn **Longing for light***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrCqNW6JDYk>

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have
the light of life.

The Gospel reading for today

At the end the reader says

For the word of God,

Thanks be to God.

The Prayers

We pray for those who have power and responsibility over the lives and welfare of others...
for the sick and for those who care for them...
for the sad, the frightened and the lonely...
for those who are anxious about the future...
for those who are mourning for lost loved ones...
for the people and situations particularly in our hearts tonight...

A time of silence may be kept

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

We light our candle, then join in saying:

**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.**

Prayer of Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and may God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
bless, preserve and keep us, this night and for ever more.

Amen.

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