

## The Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton

*Growing as beacons of Christ's Light in our communities*

**Compline for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
**The fifth Sunday after Easter**



*The shoreline on the Sea of Galilee - Gillian Kern 2019.*

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

### **Confession**

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

### **A hymn**

Before the ending of the day  
Creator of the world we pray  
that with your wonted favour thou,  
wouldst guard and keep us now.

From evil dreams defend our eyes  
from nightly fears and fantasies  
tread underfoot our deadly 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.

## Psalm 134

Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,  
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the Lord.  
May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth,  
bless you from Zion.

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

## Scripture reading

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

## Response for Eastertide

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**  
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**  
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**  
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

## Gospel Canticle

Lord, now lettest thou my servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.  
For my 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

Save us, O Lord, while waking  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest at peace.  
*Luke 2.29-32*

**Prayers** *(Especially chosen to reflect our current concerns)*

Let us pray to the Lord who is our refuge and our stronghold:

For the health and wellbeing of our nation,  
that all who are fearful and anxious may be at peace and free from worry:  
Lord hear us

**All: Lord graciously hear us**

For the isolated and housebound,  
that we may be alert to their needs  
and care for them in their vulnerability  
Lord hear us

**All: Lord graciously hear us**

For our homes and families,  
our children and young people  
the hungry and the lonely  
and those who are self-isolating  
Lord hear us

**All: Lord graciously hear us**

For a blessing on our community  
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship where all are known and cared for  
Lord hear us

**All: Lord graciously hear us**

Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick  
and grant your wisdom to those searching for a cure  
Lord hear us

**All: Lord graciously hear us**

Grant peace and comfort to those who are bereaved, unable to travel their last journey on earth  
with them or celebrate their lives with one another  
Lord hear us

**All: Lord graciously hear us**

May you grant eternal rest to those whom we love but no longer see and reunite us with them at  
our ending  
Lord hear us

**All: Lord graciously hear us**

We commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray to your mercy and protection loving and  
wise Father.

Lord in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer**

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## Collect for the fifth Sunday after Easter

Risen Christ  
Your wounds declare your love for the world  
And the wonder of your risen life:  
Give us compassion and courage  
To risk ourselves for those we serve,  
To the glory of God the Father.

Gathering our prayers into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us

**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**

## A time for reflection

*Music: Fantasia on a theme by Thomas Tallis, transcribed by Simon Stranks  
Images: Gillian Chapple*

### **In a way the grain can feel**

Remember, God, that we are the plants in your fields  
so connected to the earth  
that you know what would happen  
if you did not rain upon us.

And if your light ceased to lift us from the ground  
and craft our bodies,  
how might we near you  
like the suns?

Remember, God, to love us in a way  
our souls can taste and rejoice in.

*St Theresa of Avila  
Love Poems from God: Twelve Sacred Voices from East and West.  
Ed Daniel Ladinsky*

## Conclusion

In peace we lie down to sleep;  
**For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us lord Jesus,  
**For the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning  
**So we look for you, O Christ.**

May the Lord watch over us;  
May the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
May the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.