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Growing as beacons of Christ's Light in our communities



*The Shoreline of the Sea of Galilee,
Gillian Kern, 2019*

Compline for Sunday 23rd August 2020
The eleventh Sunday after Trinity and
the commemoration of Bartholomew the Apostle

**Led by Reader Gillian Kern and
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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 and 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 our Lord. **Amen**

May the Father of all mercies
cleans us from our sins
and restore us in his image,
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn Breathe on me breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that as you love, so may I love,
and do what you would do.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heav'nly fire.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure:
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

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

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. **Amen**

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 in peace.
Luke 2.29-32

Collect for the eleventh Sunday after Trinity

God of Glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayers

O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all we thank you for the way we can love one another within your church, and for the sustenance it has offered us during the last few months. We look forward, with joy, to soon being able to meet together. Thank you that we will be able to share together in our worship - whether it be in our church buildings next month, or for some of us via our website.

We pray for those churches in countries that cannot yet re-open their doors and beg that you sustain them with your grace and our prayers.

We ask that you offer comfort to those suffering the anxiety of job loss as the furlough scheme and other types of support diminish. Give compassion to those seeking to support and guide our nation through the current challenges.

We remember all those young people who are anxious, confused or despondent as they seek to have exam grades changed and keep hold of their opportunity for higher or further education.

We ask for understanding and support for all those who have been abused, abandoned or rejected during the lockdown. May our leaders be guided by your justice and mercy.

We remember all those who have struggled to recover from Covid19, those who died and those who are bereaved. We bring to you all who await treatments that have been postponed. May we be sensitive to their needs and share the power of your grace and healing with them.

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

A Poem by Desmond and Mpho Tutu from 'Made for Goodness'



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A time for Personal Reflection



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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 unto us;
May the Lord bless us and give us his peace tonight and always. **Amen.**

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