

*Invitations to Confession*

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess our sins.

1 Peter 2.24

*Kyrie 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 new life in Christ. Amen.**

Hymn 144

**How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss:  
The father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many souls to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there,  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

*Stuart Townend*

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.  
**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.  
**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.  
**My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.**

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

**For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together.**

They say, "Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver."

**O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!**

Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

**But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.**

**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. World without end. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading Isaiah Ch 49 v 1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” Here ends the Old Testament reading

**Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.**

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.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.**

### **The Gospel St John 12: 27-36**

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”<sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little

longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee O Christ.**

Reflection

Prayers

Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

**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**

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Conclusion**

In peace we will lie down and 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 do we look for you, O Christ.**

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.

**I commend my spirit.**  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Blessing**

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**