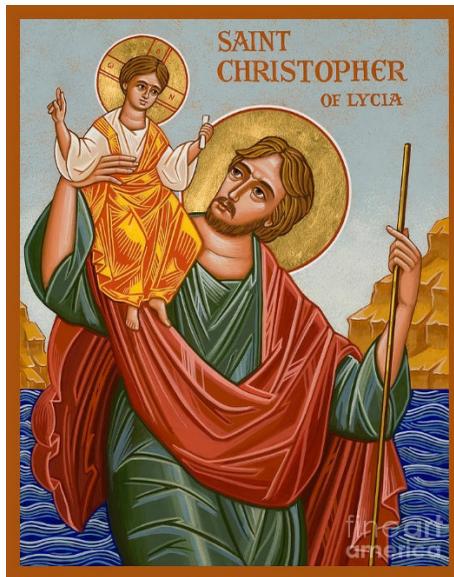


# Praying on Sunday

## An Order of Service for Worship



The Parish of St Bartholomew  
and St Christopher  
Haslemere

# Welcome

*Please Stand*

O God, make speed to save us.

**All** O Lord, make haste to help us.

My heart tells of your word: 'Seek my face.'

**All** Your face, Lord, will I seek.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# Praise

**All** We praise you, O God,  
we acclaim you as the Lord;  
all creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

*A hymn or song may be sung*

*Please Sit*

# The Word of God

**All** Almighty God,  
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet,  
a light upon our paths,  
and a strength to our lives.  
Take us and use us  
to love and serve all people  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Readings are on the reading sheet for the day.*

## A First Reading

This is the word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God

**Please Stand**

## The Gospel Reading

This is the gospel of the Lord

**All** Praise to you O Christ

*The response to the readings may include a short reflection,  
music, singing, silence or discussion.*

**Please Sit**

# Prayer

*The leader introduces a time of open prayer, perhaps with suggestions for particular topics.*

*These might include:*

- ❖ The Church across the world
- ❖ The leaders of the nations
- ❖ Our local community
- ❖ Our local schools
- ❖ The mission of the church in our parish
- ❖ Those unwell or bereaved.

*A more formal structure is also possible, and leaders are welcome to find their own. An example, taken from the Church of England website, is below.*

Let us by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving  
make our requests to God.

Gracious God,  
we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation  
throughout the world.  
We pray for the honouring of human rights,  
and for the relief of the oppressed.  
We give thanks for all that is gracious  
in the lives of men,  
women and children.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All** hear our prayer

We pray for the renewal of the Church  
in faith, love and service.

We pray for Andrew and Jo, our bishops,  
and for the life of this parish.

We give thanks for the gift of your word,  
the grace of the sacraments  
and the fellowship of your people.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All** hear our prayer

We pray for this local community  
and for all people in their daily life and work.

We pray for the young and the elderly,  
for families, and all who are alone.

We give thanks for human skill and creativity  
and all that reveals your loveliness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All** hear our prayer

We pray for those who are in need;  
for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved.

We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing.

We give thanks for human love and friendship  
and for all that enriches our daily lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All** hear our prayer

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

**All** Amen

*Open prayer may be offered, and silence is kept.*

## The Collect

*The collect of the day (from the Sunday notes sheet) is said by the leader or all together.*

## The Lord's Prayer

**All** 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 who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen

*A hymn or song may be sung.*

## The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.

**All** Amen.

