

Let us pray to God,  
who alone makes us dwell in safety:  
For all who are affected by coronavirus,  
through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this  
time,  
and shaping national policies,  
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,  
that through their skill and insights  
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful,  
for the gravely ill and the dying,  
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear 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.**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Praying Together in Lent & Passiontide

@St Luke's, Holmes Chapel

O Lord, open our lips;

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Let your ways be known upon earth,

**Your saving power among the nations.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
You hate nothing that you have made  
And forgive the sins of all those who are  
penitent:

Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
That we, worthily lamenting our sins  
And acknowledging our wretchedness,  
May receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
Perfect remission and forgiveness;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Ash Wednesday Collect*

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see

if there is any sorrow like my sorrow;

Which was brought upon me,

Which the Lord inflicted

on the day of his fierce anger.

For these things I weep: my eyes flow with  
tears;

for a comforter is far from me,

one to revive my courage;

Remember my afflictions and my bitterness,  
the wormwood and the gall!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
To the soul that seeks him.

It is good that we should wait quietly  
For the salvation of the Lord.

It is good to bear the yoke in our youth;  
To sit alone in silence when he has imposed it  
For the Lord will not reject for ever;  
Though he causes grief, he will have  
compassion,

According to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
For he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

*Selected from Lamentations 1, 3*

## Hearing and responding to the Word of God

*Bible readings can be found on the  
church website, Facebook page  
or Link newsheet.*

*Read them out loud*

*then finish with this response:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticles**

Christ Jesus was in the form of God,  
But he did not cling to equality with God.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a  
servant,  
And was born in our human likeness.

Being found in human form he humbled  
himself,  
And became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him,  
And bestowed on him the name above every  
name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee should  
bow,  
In heaven and on earth and under the earth;  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is  
Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an  
example,  
that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, no guile was found on  
his lips,  
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

When he suffered, he did not threaten,  
but he trusted himself to God who judges  
justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the  
tree, that we might die to sin  
and live to righteousness.

By his wounds, you have been healed,  
for you were straying like sheep,  
but have now returned  
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*1 Peter 2.21b–25*

### **Collects**

**Most merciful God,**  
who by the death and resurrection of your  
Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on  
the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty and everlasting God,**  
who in your tender love towards humanity  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his  
patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his  
resurrection. **Amen**

**Almighty and everlasting God,**  
we thank you that you have brought us safely  
to the beginning of this day.  
Keep us from falling into sin  
or running into danger;  
order us in all our doings  
and guide us to do always  
what is righteous in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**