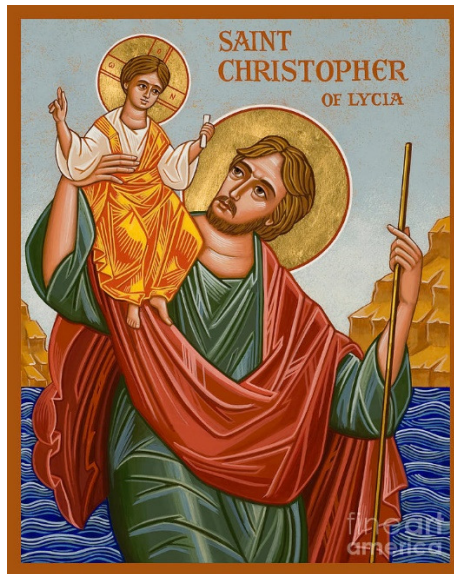


# Praying on Sunday

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.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

*A welcome is made to all those gathered, and any notices given.*

# 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. Amen

*Silent time is taken to consider our unworthiness before God, and to bring our sinful lives before the cross:*

May your loving mercy come to us, O Lord,  
and your salvation according to your word:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to our path:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to me that I we may live,  
for your law is our delight:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

*A hymn or song may be sung.*

## 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.

*Please sit. Readings are on the Sunday Notes Sheet for the day.*

### A First Reading

This is the word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God

## The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to:

**All** Glory to you O Lord

*After 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.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

## The Prayers

Let us by pray with hope and thanksgiving, humbly making our requests to God. In all matter, we ask God to hear us and help us.

Dear Lord, we pray for a time when all nations enjoy spiritual freedom and there is lasting peace on earth. We pray especially for the people in parts of the world where there is conflict discord or poverty. Help those in their courageous fight for freedom and self-determination.

Let us also pray for Charles our King, as he devotes his life to serving us his people and as head of our church; and we pray for all other members of the Royal family who continue to perform their charitable duties.

Let us continue to pray for the armed forces and intelligence services who keep us safe from aggression, from wherever it may come, to preserve our right to freedom, democracy and the right to worship through many different faiths.

Dear Lord, we continue to pray for all Christians throughout the world who risk their lives in the courageous pursuit of their faith. And we ask that you will accept our gracious thanks that we live in a tolerant, free and open society where all faiths may worship in safety.

Lord, hear us,

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our ministers who work tirelessly to administer the Word, and we thank the Lord for Chris, Justin, Peter, Victoria, Verity and the pastoral team and all who minister to us in this parish.

Dear Lord, we pray all the local businesses, services, pubs and restaurants in this community as they face the challenge of online shopping and increasing costs. We pray and thank the Lord for all the work done by this parish to bring the church and local communities closer together.

We pray for all the people in and around Haslemere who are struggling to make ends meet in these times of a high cost of living. And we hold before God Haslemere Food Bank and all those volunteers and contributors who help and support those in need in our community. We open our hearts to the Lord as he guides us along a path to ever strengthening ties between the churches and the local community.

Lord, hear us

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all those who are in any kind of need; for those in refugee camps, for the mentally unwell, and those suffering from serious illness and those who grieve for the loss of loved ones or are suffering from natural disasters or extremes of weather, and for those young people suffering from online bullying.

We pray today especially for those suffering in our own parish: **<from the notes sheet>** and for anyone known to us personally.

We pray for all the doctors, nurses, counsellors who work tirelessly to comfort and heal those who are sick in body or mind, sometimes in the most impossible circumstances, often in distant countries. We give thanks for their inestimable compassion and human love and dedication to their duty, as we give thanks to God for the social workers and those in local churches who continue to give support and comfort for those suffering from loneliness and vulnerability.

Lord, hear us,

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Finally, we pray for all those family, friends, relations, and all those who have brought inspiration and joy into our lives and have now departed from this life. Today we pray especially for those in our parish who have recently departed: **<from the notes sheet>**

Everlasting Lord, we remember with affection and gratitude the lives and example of all those who have gone before us. We pray that you will bring us all to a united worship of you, in your own good time.

*Prayers from the Weekly News Sheet May be read here.*

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

**All Amen**

## **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.*

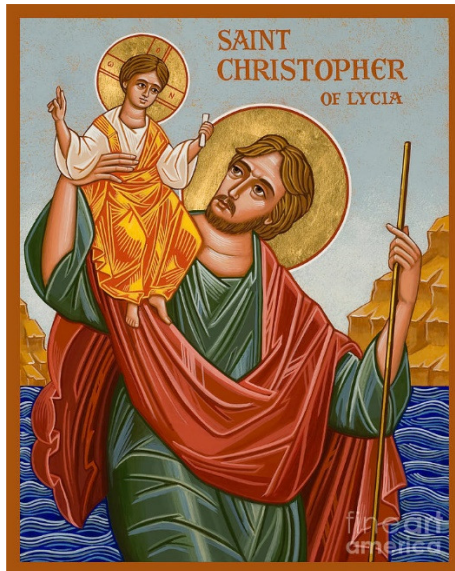
## The Final Blessing

*We remain standing for the grace.*

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and  
the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.**

The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.  
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.**



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