

## PRAYERS

*As the community of St James's, Piccadilly, apart and part of the whole, in isolation and in communion, near and far, together we pray . . .*



## COLLECT

### 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

### THE CONCLUSION

May God who raises us  
show us compassion and love.  
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



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## Holding on to the Silence - Easter -

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And if you ask me what a Christian is  
I'd say, not him who's pure in word and deed,  
or goes to all the Sunday services,  
or says his prayers or knows the proper creed,

but that one who would gladly give away  
all that he has now or has ever been  
to stand between the dark tomb and the day  
and know the moment of the Magdalene.

*Godfrey Rust*

*A candle may be lit at the start of the office.*

### PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

We come before your presence  
You who are common to us all.

### Morning:

Come into our souls, O God,  
as the dawn breaks in the sky;  
let your sun rise in our hearts  
at the coming of the day.

*Noon:*

Great Spirit, whose breath is felt in the soft breeze, and whose life surges through socket and screen, we seek your strength in the midst of the day. May we and all the peoples of the world work in dignity and walk in the beauty of the day.

*Evening:*

Let the light fade and the work be done, let the flowers and the desktops close, let the sun go down and the world become still, and let the Son of God draw near.

*Night:*

Light of the world, enter into the depths of our lives. Come into the dark and hidden places. Walk into the storehouse of our memories. Hear the hidden secrets of the past. Plumb the very depths of our being. Be present through the silent hours, and bring us safely to your glorious light.

## CANTICLE

*This or another psalm or canticle is said*

Blessed are you, Creator God who dreamed of humankind and brought us into being from before the foundation of the world to the end of time and the mystery of beyond.

In Christ you have freed us at great cost, that we should become whole, transfigured and made holy by your presence. The Spirit of forgiveness flows in our veins,

And you have made known to us your purpose to unite all things in Christ, the ceaseless web of matter and energy, through the earth and the stars of the universe, so that all may resound in heavenly music, from glory to glory for ever. Amen.

## INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

Spirit of Wisdom, take from us all fuss, the clattering of noise, the temptation to dominate by the power of words, the craving for certainty. Lead us through the narrow gate of not knowing, that we may listen and obey, and come to a place of silence and stillness, of true conversation and wisdom. *Jim Cotter*

## READINGS

*(See Collects and Readings leaflet)*

## SILENCE

*Morning:*

Risen Christ, you burst from the grave – help us to burst into life. You breathed on your disciples. Breathe life into us this day.

*Noon:*

Christ, you are risen from the dead. We are risen with you. May our life never deny this eternal life, this peace and hope and joy. Praise and glory to the God of life who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia.

*Evening:*

God, we go into this evening confident that the dawn will break tomorrow; grant that when we come to die, we may go gladly and with hope, confident in the resurrection.

*Night:*

Jesus, our inspiration, you come at night as our doors are shut and bring peace. Grant us sleep tonight, and courage tomorrow to go wherever you lead.