



# **St Mary's Church, Thorpe**

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### **National Day of Reflection – Covid-19**

#### **Opening Prayer**

God of Love, as we think about all that has changed this year,  
help us to trust that you are always with us.  
As we remember those who have died,  
help us to trust they are at peace with you.  
As we reach out to others with kindness and care,  
may hope shine out in every heart and home.

All **Amen**

*A candle is lit.*

Lord God, the maker and redeemer of all,  
as we come before you in thanksgiving for the gift of health and life,  
we grieve for the thousands who have died:  
comfort us with your presence,  
sustain us with the hope of your kingdom,  
and give us grace to live our lives well;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

#### **Hymn**

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

#### **Psalm 23**

*NRSV*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**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.**

### **Scripture**

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

*Matthew 11.28-30*

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8.38-39*

Cast all your anxieties upon God, for God cares for you.

*1 Peter 5.7*

*A time of guided reflection and prayer follows*

### **Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ, when fear and anxiety besiege us and hope is veiled in grief, hold us in your wounded hands and make your face shine on us again,  
for you are our Lord and God.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the Cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us  
**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.**

### **The Blessing**

Christ the Good Shepherd enfold us with love, fill us with peace, and lead us in hope,  
to the end of our days; and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

*All* **Amen.**