

Welcome Screen

Moment of silence screen - Thank you for joining us

PREPARATION

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

All: Amen

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: who made heaven and earth

A period of silence for reflection on the past day

CONFESSION

Let us say together:

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ.**

Amen

Introduce hymn "Before the Ending of the Day" – people may listen or join in

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 139 vs.1-18

God's Complete Knowledge and Care

Lord, you have examined me and you know me.

You know everything I do;

from far away you understand all my thoughts.

You see me, whether I am working or resting;

you know all my actions.

Even before I speak, you already know what I will say.

You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power.

Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding.

Where could I go to escape from you?

Where could I get away from your presence?

If I went up to heaven, you would be there;

if I lay down in the world of the dead, you would be there.

If I flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west,

you would be there to lead me, you would be there to help me.

I could ask the darkness to hide me
or the light around me to turn into night,
but even darkness is not dark for you,
and the night is as bright as the day.

Darkness and light are the same to you.

You created every part of me;
you put me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because you are to be feared;
all you do is strange and wonderful.

I know it with all my heart.

When my bones were being formed,
carefully put together in my mother's womb,
when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there -
you saw me before I was born.

The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book,
before any of them ever began.

O God, how difficult I find your thoughts;
how many of them there are!

If I counted them, they would be more than the grains of sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.

**All: 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.**

Reading from Isaiah ch.58 vs.6-7

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All: I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**GOSPEL CANTICLE:
THE NUNC DIMITTIS (THE SONG OF SIMEON)**

**All: Christ died for us,
so that, whether we wake or sleep,
we might live with him.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

**All: 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.**

**All: Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

PRAYERS

Loving Lord, you call us by name to follow.
Inspire us to pray for Ormskirk Deanery
with open hearts and hands.
Give us a spirit of thankfulness, generosity and hospitality,
that through the outpouring of your Holy Spirit,
we may see a bigger church
making a bigger difference in every community,
for you alone are the source of life in all its fullness.
Amen

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
may we, by the prayer and discipline of Lent,
enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings;
that by following in the Way,
we may come to share in the glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
All: for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
All: for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
All: so do we look for you, O Christ.

[Come with the dawning of the day
All: and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.]

BLESSING

May God bless us,
that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace.
Amen

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