

## **Preparation (Process with Icon)**

### Christ Before Me, Christ Behind Me

O God, make speed to save us.

**All**O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

**All**according to your judgement give us life.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,  
that freed from the misery of sin and shame  
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All**Blessed be God for ever

*This opening prayer may be said*

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

**All**Amen.

Praise to thee, o lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of thee  
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Jesus Loves the Little Children

## **The Word of God**

*Psalm 31:1-16*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**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.

*James 5*

**Canticle**

**Refrain:**

**All**Christ committed no sin,  
no guile was found on his lips.

1Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, ♦  
that you should follow in his steps.

2He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, ♦  
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

3When he suffered, he did not threaten, ♦  
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

4Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, ♦  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

5By 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*

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**Luke 1:46-55**

**Short Lesson (Mary's Joy)**

## Drawing Response (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)

<https://www.sjtb.org/images/Annunciation.pdf>

### Prayers for Children

(use one or more as needed)

#### A prayer for when a friend is ill

Dear God, (*name of friend*) is ill.  
They are not allowed to go to school or come over to play.  
I'm sad because I miss them.  
They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.  
Please be close to them.  
Please be with the people who are looking after them.  
Please help them to get better and to know that you love them.  
**Amen.**

#### A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,  
you made the world and care for all creation,  
but the world feels strange right now.  
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.  
Some people are worried that they might get ill.  
Others are anxious for their family and friends.  
Be with them and help them to find peace.  
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,  
and all who are working to discover the right medicines  
to help those who are ill.  
Thank you that even in these anxious times,  
you are with us.  
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.  
**Amen.**

#### A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

Tonight we pray especially for *(names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus)* and the people of *(country or place which is affected by Coronavirus)*.  
Please give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them.

**Amen.**

### **A prayer remembering God is with us**

Lord God, you are always with me.  
You are with me in the day and in the night.  
You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.  
You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.  
You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.  
Today I am feeling *(name how you are feeling)* because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.

**Amen.**

#### ***Intercessions are offered***

***¶ for peace***

***¶ for individuals and their needs***

#### ***Prayers may include the following concerns from the***

***¶ Those serving through leadership***

***¶ Those looking for forgiveness***

***¶ Those misled by the false gods of this present age***

***¶ All who are in need***

***A form of prayer found on page 380 may be used.***

#### ***These responses may be used***

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

*The Collect of the day is said*

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**AllAmen.**

Jesus Loves Me This I know

## **The Conclusion**

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

**AllAmen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**AllThanks be to God.**