

Closing Responses

Watch now dear Lord, with all
Who wake or watch or weep tonight
And give your angels charge
over all who sleep
Tend your sick ones
Rest your weary ones
Bless your dying ones
Soothe your suffering ones
Pity your afflicted ones
And all for your love's sake

In peace we will lie down and sleep
**for you alone God of love,
make us dwell in safety**

Abide with us God of grace
**For the night is at hand
And the day is now passed**

As the night watch looks for the morning
So do we look for you, God of hope

Grace squeezes the light
into the darkest of places
that we may know our way home

Departing Blessing

**The Lord bless us and watch over us
The Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly on us
and grant us peace
Amen.**



St Paul's

Monday Evening Service

Invitation to Worship

Come among us God
You, who cast the planets into space
And cradle the sparrow in her nest
Come God and meet us here

Come among us God
You, who bless the poor and the broken
And stand by the sad and the strong
Come God and meet us here

Come among us God
You, who dance in the silence
And shine in the darkness
Come God and meet us here

We come
**To remember
To give thanks
To be still
To weep
To seek forgiveness, and to forgive
To acknowledge our loss
To share our pain
To seek your face**

Be silent
Be still
Alone, empty before God

Say nothing
Ask nothing
Be silent
Be still
and let God look upon you...

Silence (2 minutes)

Confession

**God of grace
When I cannot forgive myself
When my anger and rage choke me
When I am trapped and unable to cope
When my addictions, compulsions
and fears diminish me
May I know your forgiveness
May I know your peace
May I know your spirit
breathing through me
offering me new life
Amen**

A Prayer by Michael Leunig

**God help us to change
To change ourselves
and to change the world
To know the need for it
To deal with the pain of it
To feel the joy of it
To undertake the journey
without knowing the destination
The art of gentle revolution**

The lighting of candles

Iona form of Prayer for healing

**Spirit of the Living God
Present with us now
Enter them
Body, mind and spirit**

**And heal them
of all that would harm them
In Jesus name
Amen**

Responses

All our laughter, all our sadness
Safe in God's hands

All our anger, all our gladness
Safe in God's hands

All our stories, all our memories
Safe in God's hands

Those we remember, those we love
Safe in God's hands

We ask for the love of God
And the message of the angels

For the compassion of Jesus
And the stories of the saints

For the power of the Spirit
And the strong hands of friends

To bless us on life's journey
And lead us safely home