

## *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**