

Morning Prayer at the end of the year



St Lawrence Church, Bovington

A hymn or song may be sung

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help
and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

At the end of the year we remember:
the places we have seen –
we place them in God's hands;
the challenges we have faced –
we place them in God's hands;
the people we have been –
we place them in God's hands.

Prayers of Penitence

On you 'Old Year' card you are invited to write words or draw images to represent:

Any hurts or regrets from the past year

Anything you want to leave behind or let go

People or events which you remember with joy or gratitude

During this time we sing quietly 'O Lord hear my prayer' (938)

When invited, please bring your card to the front and place it in the basket. In return take a 'New year' card

Lord of the years,
**we thank you for the gift of the past year,
for every blessing and opportunity.**

Lord of this year,
**forgive us for the things that we regret,
and heal the wounds that we carry with us.**

Lord of every year,
**help us to build on the past,
and to journey with you into the future,
confident in your strength alone.
Amen.**

May God,
the Lord of the years,
help you to carry this year into the next,
to hear the voice of his Son, calling you forward,
and to know the power and blessing of his Spirit.
Amen.

The Word of God

Readings

At the end of each reading the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn, psalm or song may be sung

Gospel Reading

At the end of the reading the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The reading may be followed by a time of silence.

These acclamations may be made:

A thousand years in God's sight are like a single day.

Like an evening that has already gone.

Christ is the first and the last,

the beginning and the end.

Jesus stands at the door and knocks.

Lord Jesus, enter our homes and our lives.

You hold the key to God's way of justice.

Open to us your kingdom of peace.

Talk

You are invited to think about what you can do in the first few weeks of the New Year and to write your ideas on your New Year card.

During this time we sing quietly 'Bless the Lord my soul' (923)

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

The Collect is said.

The Lord's Prayer is said

**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.**

**A hymn or song may be sung during which offerings may
be received**

The Conclusion

**God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

As we prepare to leave, we say:

To a troubled world,

peace from Christ.

To a searching world,

love from Christ.

To a waiting world,

hope from Christ.

The Blessing

This or another suitable blessing may be used:

May God the Father keep you in all your days.

May God the Son shield you in all your ways.

May God the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.

Amen.

Or:

And may the Lord bless us, preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**