

*Christ Church New
Southgate & Friern Barnet
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Welcome

Apostles Creed active

ALL: We believe in God,

(Point up)

the Father

(Cross two fingers from both hands)

almighty,

(Raise two fists)

who sent

(Point a finger)

Jesus

(Touch each palm)

into

(praying hands)

the world.

(raise hands to side)

He came as a baby

(rock a baby)

Born of the holy spirit

Was crucified,

(Lift arms to side)

died

(Drop head)

And was buried.

(Curl up)

On the third day

(Hold 3 fingers up)

He rose again from the dead

(Raise arm up)

He ascended into heaven

(Lift both arms above head)

Where he prays for us continually.

(Praying hands)

Praise the lord

(Lift hands up high)

Halleluia!

SONG: You are a refuge for the weak,
an ear to those too crushed to speak.
You promise rest for weary feet,
God you care.

You carry those who carry pain,
bring bursting life to desert plains,
give dancing hearts to those in chains,
God you care.

*You have arms that reach the lost and the lonely,
a heart that loves those with no love at all;
hands to heal the hurt and the hungry.
You are the God who cares.*

You stand with those who stand alone;
A shelter for those without a home.
every tear that falls you know,
God you care.

You have lavished us
with your love so we must love.
(repeat)

*Give us arms to reach the lost and the lonely,
hearts to love those with no love at all;
hands to heal the hurt and the hungry.
You are the God who cares.*

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Reading: Psalm 91 by Joan Gray

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most
High

will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.^[a]

² I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and
my fortress,

my God, in whom I trust.'

³ Surely he will save you

from the fowler's snare

and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover you with his feathers,

and under his wings you will find refuge;

his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

⁵You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,

nor the plague that destroys at midday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

⁸You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,

¹⁰no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels
concerning you

to guard you in all your ways;

¹²they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot
against a stone.

¹³You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

¹⁴'Because he^[b] loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

¹⁵He will call on me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble,

I will deliver him and honour him.

¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.'

Prayers for Joan moving home

Led by the deacons

*Sermon: 'The assurance of God's protection' by
Desmond Gordon*

Psalm chapter 91:1-16

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S

PROTECTION

1. The key to God's protection in Psalm 91 is to rest in Jesus finished work. (Mark Chapter 4: 35-40).

2. This Psalm of confidence reminds us that God protects and preserve those who are his Children

3. Live by the Word of God and experience his protection for our lives.

4. Finally, today your lives are covered by the wonderful promises of God's love (verses: 14-16)

How do you behave when trouble hits your life? Do you go to pieces? Look at Mark chapter 4: vs 35-49

How do you see faith and protection in these verses compare to Psalm 91 ?

The keys to our protection

Read verses 1-2

Dwells.....shadow,..... Abide.....Almighty

a) God is telling us that we dwell in safety when we sit down (rest)

Declaration of God's care and Protection

We will not fear - (vs 5-8) when disaster comes in many forms, yet those who trust

In him can live without fear.

We will not fail -(7-8) One thing that is emphasized throughout this Psalm is the promises of God's safety and protection

b) "We "Abide under the Shadow of the Almighty"

knowing comfort, protection and care (see John 15:4, psalm 27:5.

God's Promises, Safety and Protection for each one of us today (14-16)

In this final session we hear the voice of God as he reiterates the promises and blessings of the psalm

In 8 different ways in protecting his people

I will rescue you
I will protect him
I will answer him
I will be with him
I will be with him in trouble
I will deliver him
I will honour him
With long life will I satisfy him
I will show him my salvation

In closing please bow your heads(home, garden or Church
Pray that the thoughts of Psalm 91 will encourage you and give you new hope today in Jesus, Lord and Saviour

Finally no evil shall come near your people.
Thank you that you are the God who delivers your people from evil and protect them by abiding will and purpose
Amen

Intercessions led by Ola Lawal

‘Lord in your mercy’ ---- **‘Hear our prayer’**

Loving God, we bring our petitions to you in faith, that whatever we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we will receive. We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on your worldwide church. Embolden and strengthen her to more urgently and zealously proclaim the love and salvation of Son, Jesus Christ. May your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. We pray for our church, Christ Church, New Southgate

& Friern Barnet. We ask your fill our minister, Revd. Ruth Moriarty and all who help her with the running of the church with your Holy Spirit. Grant them the peace, joy and strength needed to do your work. May the church increase as a spiritual family, a household of faith where all are welcomed and nourished. Let this church be a beacon of hope, compassion and strength within this community.

Lord in your mercy ----- **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the Holy Spirit to convince and convict our world leaders so they will earnestly strive for peace, social justice and better distribution of the resources you have freely given to us. We pray for the ceasing of hostilities and unnecessary loss of life in war torn places like Yemen and Ethiopia. Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority in places of conflict and discord such as Myanmar, Hong Kong and Northern Nigeria. Bring them to your just and gentle rule. Help the desperate find new hope and lives torn apart restored by your unfailing love in these places.

Lord in your mercy ----- **Hear our prayer**

We pray for an increase in the spiritual health and welfare of United Kingdom. We pray for the creation of new opportunities for those who have lost their livelihoods due to the pandemic lockdown. We ask your compassion and essential help for the weak, the vulnerable, and all who live on the margin of our society. We pray that you stem the knife violence and abuse especially those on line, which are blighting people's lives. Replace all forms of anger, hatred and violence with love, peace and harmony in all our communities.

Lord in your mercy ----- **Hear our prayer**

We pray you surround all who mourn and especially those amongst us, with your love. Comfort and strengthen them. Grant their loved ones perfect peace and the eternal joy of living in your presence. Surround all who are suffering ill health with your tenderness. Your word says, by your stripes we are healed. Grant them divine healing. We pray this especially for Kevin. We ask your peace, good health and new opportunities for Joan who is moving away to new surroundings. We pray you grant Sherry and Julian who got married here yesterday a long, joyful, peaceful, and blessed married life together.

Lord in your mercy ----- **Hear our prayer**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those on our hearts....

Loving God, grant the needs of your children here in the church or watching at home today according to your forever good will for us. Fulfil to them your promise of Psalm 91, 'When they call to you, you will answer them; when they are in trouble, you will be with them. You will rescue them and honour them. You will reward them with long life; You will save them'.

All these we ask in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SONG: Find rest, O my soul,
in God alone, God alone;
he's my rock, my salvation.
Know peace, O my soul,
he's in control, in control;
I will never be shaken.
At all times
I will trust in you;
at all times,
pour my heart out to you.

*My hope is in you,
for you are strong,*

*you are love unfailing,
My hope is in you,
whatever comes,
you're my refuge,
you're my song.*

Find strength, O my soul,
in God alone, God alone;
he's my light and my fortress.
Know joy, O my soul,
he's in control, in control;
he's defeated the darkness.

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Blessing by Ola Lawal

We say the grace to one another.

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all
now and for evermore.
Amen.**