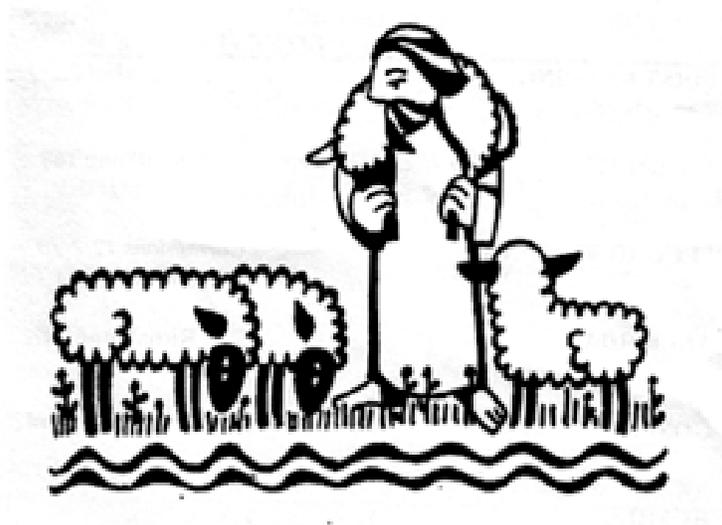


Anointing & Commendation



O Trinity of love, you have been with us at the world's beginning,
Be with us till the world's end.
You have been with us in our life's shaping,
Be with us at our life's end.
You have been with us at the sun's rising,
Be with us till the day's end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

John 14:1-3, 27

[Jesus said,] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid”.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell In the house of the Lord for ever.

Anointing & Laying on of hands

N, I anoint you with oil, in the name of the Creator, the Son and the Holy Spirit, praying that God’s peace may be with you now and forever. Amen.

N, may the Spirit of the Living God, present with us now,
bring you peace in body, mind and spirit.
[And may you know that all shall be well
and all manner of things shall be well,
this *day/night* and always.] Amen

Commendation

Gracious God, nothing in death or life,
nothing in all creation can separate us from your love,
and so we commend *N* into your care:

N, go forth on your journey from this world,
in the love of God the Father who created you;
in the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you;
in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.
May the heavenly host sustain you
and the company of heaven enfold you.
In communion with all the faithful,
may you dwell this day in peace. Amen.

(Or)

Lord now you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation:
which you have prepared in the sight of every people,
a light to reveal you to the nations:
and the glory of your people Israel.
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.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant *N*.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,
a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive them into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Prayer for the family

God of all consolation,
grant to those who sorrow
the spirit of faith and courage,
that they may have the strength to meet the days to come
with steadfastness and patience;
not sorrowing without hope,
but trusting in your goodness;
through him who is the resurrection and the life,
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Blessing

In darkness and light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, O God, to trust your love,
to seek your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the grace of God rest in our hearts.
May the peace of God give us comfort.
May the love of God sustain us now and always.
Amen.

