

## Meditation

Lord Jesus Christ, when I think of you newly born, lying in a manger, I want to shield you and protect you from the world

Lord Jesus Christ, when I think of you walking on the shore at Galilee, I want to walk with you and listen and learn

Lord Jesus Christ, when I think of you nailed to the cruel cross at Calvary, I want to reach out and comfort you in any way possible.

Lord Jesus Christ, when I think of you outside the empty tomb in the Easter garden, I want to tell people the wonderful news that you are alive

Lord Jesus Christ, when I think of you now, ascended and reigning with the Father, I want to worship and sing songs of pure joy, Jesus, king of glory

*For the intercessions, we will use a simple response:*

Risen and ascended Lord May your kingdom come

Jesus Christ, enthroned at the right hand of the Father, we pray that the longing for peace in Ukraine that seems to be growing in many quarters may come to fruition.

Risen and ascended Lord May your kingdom come

Jesus Christ, whose majesty is reflected in the awesomeness of nature, thank you for ever increasing awareness of the need to cherish our natural world. Move governments and those in power to make real changes in policy, and help us to move on as a church in playing our part towards a greener world

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Jesus Christ, Lord of the church, you did indeed leave much for us to bear your light to the world. Without your help we are inadequate. Renew your church. Send your spirit to renew and deepen our love, that your church may be beacons of love, of joy, service, and trust in your goodness.

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Lord, we thank you for all those getting married in Holmbury this year: Lord, bless each of those couples and may they grow in love

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And Lord, whilst we remember your call to us to continue your work, we pray for those we know whose lives have been rocked by the loss of someone they loved deeply, those who are anxious, stressed or simply lacking in peace. Lord, bring healing, bring peace

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*And we continue to pray for the coming of God's kingdom, as we say together the Lord's Prayer:*