



*Jesus, asking God to care for His disciples, says :*

*“My prayer is that You do not take them out of the world,  
but that You protect them from the evil one”.*

*( John Chapter 17 verse 15 )*

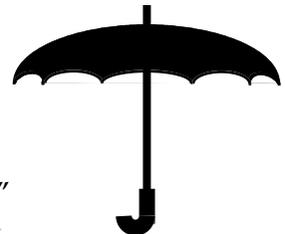
*Please stand to sing the hymn*

**O God our help in ages past**

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| 1. O God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Our shelter from the stormy blast,<br>And our eternal home;      | 4. A thousand ages in Your sight<br>Are like an evening gone;<br>Short as the watch that ends the night<br>Before the rising sun. |
| 2. Beneath the shadow of Your throne<br>Your saints have dwelt secure;<br>Sufficient is Your arm alone,<br>And our defence is sure. | 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,<br>Bears all its sons away;<br>They fly forgotten, as a dream<br>Dies at the opening day.   |
| 3. Before the hills in order stood<br>Or earth received her frame,<br>From everlasting You are God,<br>To endless years the same.   | 6. O God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Be You our guard while troubles last<br>And our eternal home.  |

*Please sit.*

*Introducing :*  : Molly, Johnny, and Kate  
and  
The Umbrella



*“... it doesn't protect me from the splashes cars make ...”*

**One umbrella protects you from only one direction**

# The story of Ruth and Boaz, adapted from the Book of Ruth.

*An illustration of how God protects His family.*

Naomi comes home, with Ruth.

Actor :           What are you doing here ?

ALL (to one another)     **Have you seen Naomi ? – she’s come back  
with a daughter-in-law !  
Naomi ! Naomi ! Welcome home !**

“It’s Ruth, sir. Because you are a close relative you are  
responsible for taking care of me ...”

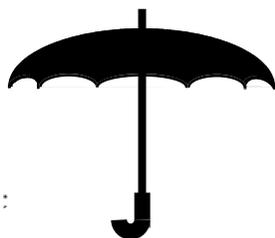
As we sing this hymn let us think about the way Ruth crept under the protection of  
Boaz’s cloak or mantle and sought his help as a kinsman of her husband.

Please stand to sing the hymn  
which we will sing twice.

**Cover me**

*MK*

**Cover me, cover me  
Extend the borders of your mantle over me  
Because you are my nearest kinsman  
Cover me, cover me, cover me.**

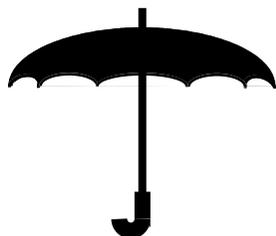


*... as an umbrella protects by covering ...*

Please sit.

*MK* again .....

“As Christians, we can claim Jesus as our kinsman.  
because when we choose to become His followers, we  
become part of God’s family, and Jesus becomes our  
brother.”



*... and so we get our umbrellas ...*

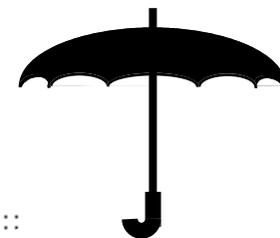
# Jesus, our brother - what a great idea! I must think about that.

All remain sitting and quietly sing :

**Cover me, cover me  
Extend the borders of your mantle over me  
Because you are my nearest kinsman  
Cover me, cover me, cover me.**

“Those who follow Him need to obey His rules.”

***We have to learn how to use our umbrellas***



*The TEN COMMANDMENTS*

*and the TEN UMBRELLAS*

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|-----|--|----------------------------------|
| 1.  | <b>Worship no God but Me</b>                                     | Protects us from false gods      |
| 2.  | <b>Do not make idols or worship them</b>                         | Protects us from artificial gods |
| 3.  | <b>Use My name with respect</b>                                  | Protects us from cheapening God  |
| 4.  | <b>Rest on the seventh day<br/>and remember Me</b>               | Protects our well-being          |
| 5.  | <b>Respect your father and mother</b>                            | Protects families                |
| 6.  | <b>Do not murder</b>   | Protects life                    |
| 7.  | <b>Husbands and wives<br/>be faithful to one another</b>         | Protects marriage                |
| 8.  | <b>Do not steal</b>  | Protects property                |
| 9.  | <b>Do not tells lies about anyone</b>                            | Protects reputations             |
| 10. | <b>Do not envy other people or<br/>want what belongs to them</b> | Protects us from conflict        |

OR, to put it another way -

Please stand to sing the hymn

### God's ten commandments

1. You shall have no God but me,  
To no idol bow the knee;  
Don't use God's name carelessly,  
May your Sabbath restful be.

*Chorus :*  
God's ten commandments,  
God's ten commandments,  
God's ten commandments,  
That He Himself has given.

2. Love your parents as you should  
For their loving parenthood;  
If you give them honour due,  
God Himself will honour you.

*Chorus*

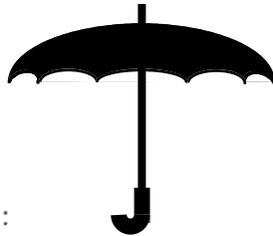
3. Do not kill; be ever true  
To the one you're married to;  
Do not steal, and truthful be;  
Keep yourself from envy free.

*Chorus*

Please sit



"Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as you love yourself."



*how to make your umbrellas work*

### Message

Please stand to sing the hymn

### My beloved is mine and I am His

1. My beloved is mine and I am His,  
His banner over me is love;  
My beloved is mine and I am His,  
His banner over me is love;  
My beloved is mine and I am His,  
His banner over me is love;  
His banner over me is love.

2. He gave to us the ten commandments,  
His banner over me is love;  
He gave to us the ten commandments,  
His banner over me is love;  
He gave to us the ten commandments,  
His banner over me is love;  
His banner over me is love.

3. I'm safe and secure in the rock of all ages,  
His banner over me is love;  
I'm safe and secure in the rock of all ages,  
His banner over me is love;  
I'm safe and secure in the rock of all ages,  
His banner over me is love,  
His banner over me is love.

4. He's building His church on a firm foundation,  
His banner over me is love;  
He's building His church on a firm foundation,  
His banner over me is love;  
He's building His church on a firm foundation,  
His banner over me is love,  
His banner over me is love.

Please sit.

### *JK* Protection and Prayer

"Prayer, especially regular prayer, protects us from drifting away from God."



*... keeps our umbrellas in good repair*

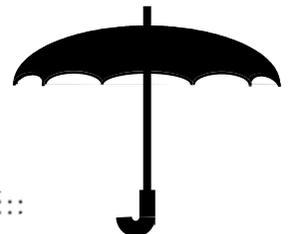
praying from a Bible passage.

1. decide what you want to pray about,
2. find a Bible passage on that subject;
3. read it phrase by phrase;
4. consider every phrase, and decide how it might apply to you;
5. if it does, then ask God to help you to make it work in your own life.

Please sit or kneel for our prayers

Ephesians Chapter 6 verses 10-18; Page 1309 of the church Bibles.

### So put on God's armour now ...



*not quite umbrellas, but it's the same idea*

We stand ready with truth as a belt tight around our waist,

Reveal Your truth to us, O God, that we may understand more about Your glory and Your splendour.

ALL **Reveal Your truth to us, O God, and protect us from ignorance.**

with righteousness as our breastplate

Forgive us for the things we have done wrong and enable us to live according to Your Will, O God.

ALL **Forgive us, Lord, and enable us to live according to Your will and protect us from wrongdoing.**

and as our shoes the readiness to announce the Good News of peace;

Guide us, O God, to bring the Good News of peace to many people.

ALL **Guide us as we spread the Good News of Your peace and protect us from timidity.**

At all times carry faith as a shield, for with it you will be able to put out all the burning arrows shot by the Evil One.

Increase our faith, O God, that we may discern and reject the lies of the Evil One

ALL **Increase our faith, O God, and protect us from deception.**

And accept salvation as a helmet,

We praise You, Jesus, for Your free gift of salvation, which You paid for with Your life.

ALL **We praise You, Jesus, for Your free gift of salvation and Your protection against faithlessness.**

and the Word of God as a sword which the Spirit gives us.

Thank You, Holy Spirit, for the Word of God that You plant in our minds; help us to speak Your Words with boldness.

ALL **Thank You, Holy Spirit, for Your work in our lives and Your protection from superstition.**

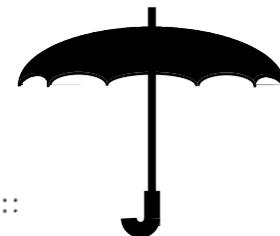
Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up, pray always for God's people.

*Together we sing –*

ALL **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
in earth, as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,  
for the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Mk*

“... the way you used that Bible passage to put on the armour of God.”



**don't leave your umbrella at home**

*Please stand to sing our final hymn*

**Soldiers of Christ arise**

- Soldiers of Christ, arise  
And put your armour on;  
Strong in the strength which God  
supplies  
Through His eternal Son.**
- Strong in the Lord of hosts,  
And in His mighty power;  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
Is more than conqueror.**
- Stand then in His great might,  
With all His strength endued;  
And take, to arm you for the fight,  
The weapons of our God.**
- To keep your armour bright  
attend with constant care,  
Still walking in your Captain's sight  
And keeping watch with prayer.**
- From strength to strength go on:  
Wrestle and fight and pray;  
Tread all the powers of darkness  
down  
And win the well-fought day.**
- Till, having all things done  
And all your conflicts past,  
You overcome through Christ alone  
And stand complete at last.**

*Please remain standing for the Blessing*

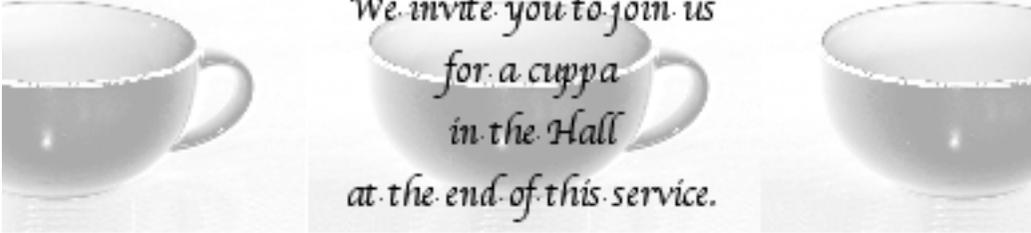
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We invite you to join us for a cuppa in the Hall at the end of this service.

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Final Family Service date for this year :  
30th September at 10am.

Christmas Services

Carol Service and BBQ December 9th at 5pm  
Christingle Service December 24th at 7pm.

*Anyone wishing to take part in these services please phone  
●●●●● ( ●●●● ) at least two weeks before the service.*

*Kids' Club for  
Primary School children  
meets in St. Augustine's Hall*

*3:15pm – 4:30pm  
each Tuesday during term time.*

*All children are welcome !*