One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life *Psalm 27.4* 

Peace be to this house and all who come here.

In chalk write on the doorpost **CMB**, which is Christus Mansionem Benedicat, May Christ bless this House.

Bless this door and this place.

Keep it open to joy and love.

Scatter sea salt, a symbol of purification and hallowing used in Jewish and Christian traditions, across the threshold of the Church

Bless this threshold and this floor.

Keep all want and harm without.

Bless the roof, the walls and all who come within.

Bless friend and stranger, creature and kin.

May all whose feet cross here be blessed, and peace be upon their coming and going.

## A different voice responds with the following

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Enter the building, with the Pashcal candle from Llanbedr, blessed and lit on Easter Morning, silently walk into the Church, bringing to mind all those who would worship or visit, and stop near the font. If watching this short service from home (live streamed), light a candle and join in the following prayer.

Let us pray.

O Spirit, present with us now:

You are the peace of all things calm.

You are the place to hide from harm.

You are the light that shines in dark.

You are the heart's eternal spark.

You are the door that's open wide.

You are the guest who waits inside.

You are the stranger at the door.

You are the calling of the poor.

You are God and with us still.

You are love, keep us from ill.

You are the light, the source, the way.

Bless this house by night and day. Amen.

The Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Pashcal candle of St Peter's is lit from Llanbedr's candle

#### Psalm 122

# Response: I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

- <sup>1</sup>I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- <sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. **R:**
- <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.
- <sup>4</sup> That is where the tribes go up the tribes of the Lord to praise the name of the Lord according to the statute given to Israel. **R:**
- <sup>5</sup> There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure.
- <sup>7</sup> May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." **R**:
- <sup>8</sup> For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."
- <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity. R:

### A prayer of sadness

God, our hearts are filled with joy
to be able to return to this place.
Yet, our Church is incomplete,
not all of our brothers and sisters here.
Hold all those still at home in your loving arms; protect
them from all harm;
bring comfort to the mourning or frightened, and healing to
the sick.
In Jesus' name,

In a moment of silence we hold before God those members of our community for whom this time is still so difficult.

# A prayer of hope

Amen.

Gracious God,
persevering through the years,
persevering to the end,
as we face the future
as a community of your people in this place,
may we know afresh your faithful love,
and see afresh your loving faithfulness.
May it be your words of life for which we listen,
and by which alone we live.
God before and God behind,
for all that has been – thanks.
For all that will be – Yes!
Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Wherever we are, whatever language we speak, we may be united in the prayer our Saviour has taught us **Our Father ... Ein Tad...** 

### A blessing

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest on all who look to this house of prayer for comfort and companionship, this day and always. Amen.