



Denham Parish Church

Evening Prayer

Wednesday, 10th February 2021, 6.00 pm

To join us on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 898 4998 8454, Passcode: 189187176 or use this link:

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WELCOME

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy
come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing
your praise now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 119.33-44

**33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes ♦
and I shall keep it to the end.**

**34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; ♦
I shall keep it with my whole heart.**

**35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, ♦
for therein is my delight.**

**36 Incline my heart to your testimonies ♦
and not to unjust gain.**

**37 Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities; ♦
O give me life in your ways.**

**38 Confirm to your servant your promise, ♦
which stands for all who fear you.**

**39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, ♦
because your judgements are good.**

**40 Behold, I long for your commandments; ♦
in your righteousness give me life.**

**41 Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord, ♦
even your salvation, according to your promise.**

**42 Then shall I answer those who taunt me, ♦
for my trust is in your word.**

**43 O take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, ♦
for my hope is in your judgements.**

**44 So shall I always keep your law; ♦
I shall keep it for ever and ever.**

God of loving mercy, in this place of our pilgrimage turn your laws into songs, that we may find your promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

BIBLE READING

Titus 1

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Saviour, To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour. The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group. They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain. One of Crete's own prophets has said it: "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." This saying is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the merely human commands of those who reject the truth. To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

PRAYERS

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

¶ The social services

¶ All who work in the criminal justice system

¶ Victims and perpetrators of crime

¶ The work of aid agencies throughout the world

¶ Those living in poverty or under oppression

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen.

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven...

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.