



# Denham Parish Church

## Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,  
**according to your judgement give us life.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,  
that freed from the misery of sin and shame  
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

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.

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 28**

**1 To you I call, O Lord my rock; be not deaf to my cry,  
lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.**

**2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you,  
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.**

**3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked, with the evildoers,  
who speak peaceably with their neighbours,  
while malice is in their hearts.**

**4 Repay them according to their deeds  
and according to the wickedness of their devices.**

**5 Reward them according to the work of their hands  
and pay them their just deserts.**

**6 They take no heed of the Lord's doings,  
nor of the works of his hands;  
therefore shall he break them down and not build them up.**

**7 Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my prayer.**

**8 The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
my heart has trusted in him and I am helped;**

**9 Therefore my heart dances for joy and in my song will I praise him.**

**10 The Lord is the strength of his people, a safe refuge for his anointed.**

**11 Save your people and bless your inheritance;  
shepherd them and carry them for ever.**

*Hear us, Shepherd of your people,  
forgive us our sins and, in a world of pretences,  
make us true in heart and mind; through 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**

### **Galatians 4.21-5.1**

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.'

Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

## **PRAYERS**

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

¶ Those preparing for baptism and confirmation

¶ Those serving through leadership

¶ Those looking for forgiveness

¶ Those misled by the false gods of this present age

¶ All those who are hungry

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer**

**(or)**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**