



# Denham Parish Church

## Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 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.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,  
**Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the deep waters of death  
you brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
Through him dark death has been destroyed  
and radiant life is everywhere restored.  
As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light  
may our lives reflect his glory  
and our lips repeat the endless song.  
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 33

*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, ♦  
for it is good for the just to sing praises.*

*Praise the Lord with the lyre; ♦  
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.*

*Sing for him a new song; ♦  
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.*

*For the word of the Lord is true ♦  
and all his works are sure.*

*He loves righteousness and justice; ♦  
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.*

*By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦  
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.*

*He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin ♦  
and lays up the deep in his treasury.*

*Let all the earth fear the Lord; ♦  
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.*

*For he spoke, and it was done; ♦  
he commanded, and it stood fast.*

*The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; ♦  
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.*

*But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦  
and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.*

*Happy the nation whose God is the Lord ♦  
and the people he has chosen for his own.*

*The Lord looks down from heaven ♦  
and beholds all the children of earth.*

*From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze ♦  
on all who dwell on the earth.*

*He fashions all the hearts of them ♦  
and understands all their works.*

*No king is saved by the might of his host; ♦  
no warrior delivered by his great strength.*

*A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; ♦  
for all its strength it cannot save. R*

*Behold, the eye of the Lord  
is upon those who fear him, ♦  
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,*

*To deliver their soul from death ♦  
and to feed them in time of famine.*

*Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; ♦  
he is our help and our shield.*

*Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; ♦  
in his holy name have we put our trust.*

*Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, ♦  
as we have set our hope on you.*

**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**

### **Colossians 2.1-15**

For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with

him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

*Intercessions are offered*

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

¶ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord

¶ God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care

¶ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ

¶ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection

¶ Prisoners and captives

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

(or)

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins

and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you

in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven...**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**