

Denham Parish Church Evening Prayer Wednesday, 28th April 2021, 6.00 pm

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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 47

1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; • O sing to God with shouts of joy. 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; ♦ he is the great King over all the earth. 3 He subdued the peoples under us • and the nations under our feet. 4 He has chosen our heritage for us, ♦ the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. 5 God has gone up with a merry noise, ♦ the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. 6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; ♦ sing praises to our King, sing praises. 7 For God is the King of all the earth; ♦ sing praises with all your skill. § 8 God reigns over the nations: • God has taken his seat upon his holy throne. 9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together
< with the people of the God of Abraham. 10 For the powers of the earth belong to God ♦ and he is very highly exalted. As Christ was raised by your glory, O Father, so may we be raised to new life and rejoice to be called your children, both now and for ever.

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

Luke 3.15-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Intercessions are offered

 \P for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

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

 \P 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

 \P 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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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, 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 the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**