



Denham Parish Church

Evening Prayer

Wednesday, 26th May 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.

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.

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 136

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever.

- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 4 Who alone does great wonders, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who laid out the earth upon the waters, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who made the great lights, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 10 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 12 With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 15 But Pharaoh and his host he overthrew in the Red Sea, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 16 Who led his people through the wilderness, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 17 Who smote great kings, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;

- 18 And slew mighty kings, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 20 And Og, the king of Bashan, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 21 And gave away their land for a heritage, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 22 A heritage for Israel his servant, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures, ♦
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, ♦
for his mercy endures 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 9.37-50

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, 'Let these words

sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.' But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.'

John answered, 'Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.' But Jesus said to him, 'Do not stop him; for whoever is not against you is for you.'

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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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.**

**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.