

Denham Parish Church

Evening Prayer

Wednesday, 30th June 2021, 6.00 pm

To join us on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 898 4998 8454, Passcode: 189187176 or use this link: https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89849988454?pwd=QURLMTM4em8xTGdSQ3g1Q1RBYU5YZz09

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: **All: 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.**

From Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I put my trust.'

3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers; ♦ his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, ♦ nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

7 Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold ♦ to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, ♦ neither shall any plague come near your tent.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; ◆ I will lift them up, because they know my name. 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy them \blacklozenge and show them my salvation.

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 18.15-30

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

A certain ruler asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother." 'He replied, 'I have kept all these since my youth.' When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

Those who heard it said, 'Then who can be saved?' He replied, 'What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.'

Then Peter said, 'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.' And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

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

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.**