



# Denham Parish Church

## Evening Prayer

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 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.**

## A Song of God's Descending (Psalm 18.1, 6, 7, 10-14, 28, 29, 31)

1

I love you, O Lord my strength. ♦  
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer.

2

In my distress I called upon the Lord ♦  
and cried out to my God for help.

3

He heard my voice in his temple ♦  
and my cry came to his ears.

4

He parted the heavens and came down ♦  
and thick darkness was under his feet.

5

He rode upon the cherubim and flew; ♦  
he came flying on the wings of the wind.

6

He made darkness his covering round about him, ♦  
dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

7

From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds ♦  
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

8

The Lord also thundered out of heaven; ♦  
the Most High uttered his voice  
with hailstones and coals of fire.

9

For you will save a lowly people ♦  
and bring down the high looks of the proud.

10

You also shall light my candle; ♦  
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

11

As for God, his way is perfect;  
the word of the Lord is tried in the fire; ♦  
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

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 23.44-56a

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

*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.**