

EVENING PRAYER – Wednesday 25th August 2021

The Greeting

We come from scattered lives to meet with God, let us recognise his presence with us
(Silence)

As God's people we have gathered here, **let us worship and pray together.**

Introduction

Loving God we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude
and to listen to your word with eagerness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Penitence

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator,
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy,**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour,
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy,**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide,
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 11

¹ In the LORD I take refuge. How then can you say to me: "Flee like a bird to your mountain.

² **For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings
to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart.**

³ When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

⁴ **The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne.
He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them.**

⁵ The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates
with a passion.

⁶ On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot.

⁷ For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.

**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.**

Canticle – Ecce Nunc

**Come bless the Lord all you servants of the Lord,
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord .**

**Lift up your hands towards the holy place and bless the Lord,
may the Lord bless you from Zion, the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

**Glory be 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.**

Reading – John: 15 verses 16 – 25

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. ²¹ They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.

²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’

Few thoughts

The Response to God’s Word

**Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?
I believe and trust in him**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. we believe and trust in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Prayers of the People.

God, remember us in your love and teach us to pray –

For the peace that comes from God alone.....

Loving God, we look to you

Response - Receive our prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

An Evening Prayer

Eternal God , you have walked faithfully with us today, thank you for all your blessings throughout the day. Now may we rest confidently under the shelter of your wings and be refreshed and renewed by your Spirit. May we awake tomorrow confident of your sustaining grace and power and walk in your ways to bring praise and glory to your name. Amen

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**