

Evening Prayer

1st September, 2021.

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Psalm 144:9-16

O God, I will sing to you a new song;
I will play to you on a ten stringed harp.

You that give salvation to kings
and have delivered David your servant.
Save me from the peril of the sword
and deliver me from the hand of foreign enemies.

Whose mouth speaks wickedness
and whose right hand is the hand of falsehood.

So that our sons in their youth may be like well nurtured plants,
and our daughters like pillars carved for the corners of the temple.

Our barns be filled with all manner of store;
our flocks bearing thousands, and ten thousands in our fields.

Our cattle be heavy with young:
may there be no miscarriage or untimely birth, no cry of distress in our streets.

Happy are the people whose blessing this is.

Happy are the people who have the Lord for their God.

**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.**

Opening prayer

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.

The word of God

Song of Solomon 8:5-7

Who is that coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? Under the apple tree I awakened you. There your mother was in labour with you; there she who bore you was in labour. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

Address

Anthem: My beloved spake

My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come,

And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
And the vines with the tender grape
give a good smell.
Arise my love, my fair one and come
away.

Setting by Patrick Hadley

Prayers of intercession

Prayers may be offered:

for peace

for individuals & their needs

for all who work in hospitality

for all who work in health care

*for those who mourn the loss of a loved
one, or the loss of a way of life*

*for the work of aid agencies throughout
the world*

*for those living in poverty or under
oppression*

**Eternal Lord, our beginning and our
end: bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past
ages and made known in Jesus Christ
our Lord Amen.**

The Conclusion

**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.