

## Evening Prayer

4<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

### Psalm 57

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,

**for my soul takes refuge in you;**

in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge

**until the storm of destruction has passed by.**

I will call upon the Most High God,

**the God who fulfils his purpose for me.**

He will send from heaven and save me and rebuke those that would trample upon me;

**God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.**

I lie in the midst of lions,

**people whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

**and your glory over all the earth.**

They have laid a net for me feet;

my soul is pressed down;

**they have dug a pit before me and will fall into it themselves.**

My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready;

**I will sing and give you praise.**

Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre,

**that I may awaken the dawn.**

I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples;

**I will sing praise to you among the nations.**

For your loving kindness is as high as the heavens,

**and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

**and your glory over all the earth.**

**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

#### 2 Peter 3:14-18

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him, speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures. You therefore, beloved, since you are forewarned, beware that you are not carried away with the error of the lawless and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus

Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

### Address

### Canticle: Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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### 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.**