

Evening Prayer

15th September, 2021.

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Psalm 73:21-28

When my heart became embittered and I was pierced to the quick,

I was but foolish and ignorant; I was like a brute beast in your presence.

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

You will guide me with your counsel and afterwards receive me with glory/

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing upon earth that I desire in comparison with you.

Though my flesh and my heart fail me, God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

Truly, those who forsake you will perish; you will put to silence the faithless who betray you.

But it is good for me to draw near to God; in the Lord God have I made my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

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

John 7:25-36

Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, 'Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill? And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.' Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, 'You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.' Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, 'When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?'

The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering such things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent temple police to arrest him. Jesus then said, 'I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. You will search for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.' The Jews said to one another, 'Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What does he mean by saying, "You will search for me and you

will not find me” and, “Where I am, you cannot come”?’

Address

Anthem: Thou knowest Lord

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

Setting by Henry Purcell

Prayers of intercession

Prayers may be offered:

for peace

for individuals & their needs

for all who work in communication and the media

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.