

## Evening Prayer

23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022.

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

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

### Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leave that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

**As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wine blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

**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 like incense 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

#### St. Luke 14:25-35

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

### Address

**Anthem: No more sorrow**

And God shall wipe away all tears from  
their eyes;  
And there shall be no more death,  
Neither sorrow nor crying,  
Neither any more pain,  
For the former things are passed away.

*Will Todd*

**Prayers of intercession**

*Prayers may be offered:*

*for peace*

*for places of conflict*

*for individuals & their needs*

*for the mission of the Church worldwide*

*for all who work in food production and  
conservation*

*for all who work in education*

*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.**