

## Evening Prayer

27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

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

### Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me. 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

**And now our feet our standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;**

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.

**Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

For there are set the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

**O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.**

'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

**For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.**

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

**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.**

### St. Luke 12:4-12

'I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.'

### 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.

*Henry Purcell, words from the burial  
service in the Book of Common Prayer*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 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.**