

## Evening Prayer

23 June, 2021.

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

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

I love you, O Lord my strength.

The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer.

**In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried out to my God for help.**

He heard my voice in his temple and my cry came to his ears.

**He parted the heavens and came down and thick darkness was under his feet.**

He rode upon the cherubim and flew; he came flying on the wings of the wind.

**He made darkness his covering round about him, dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.**

From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds burst hailstones and coals of fire.

**The Lord also thundered out of heaven;**

**the Most High uttered his voice with hailstones and coals of fire.**

For you will save a lowly people and bring down the high looks of the proud.

**You also shall light my candle; the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.**

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried in the fire; he is a shield to all who trust in him.

**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

#### St. Mark 6:45-52

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was out on the lake, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the lake. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

### 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.

*Setting by George Dyson*

### Prayers of intercession

*Prayers may be offered:*

*for peace*

*for individuals & their needs*

*for the social services*

*for all who work in the criminal justice system*

*for victims and perpetrators of crime*

*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.**