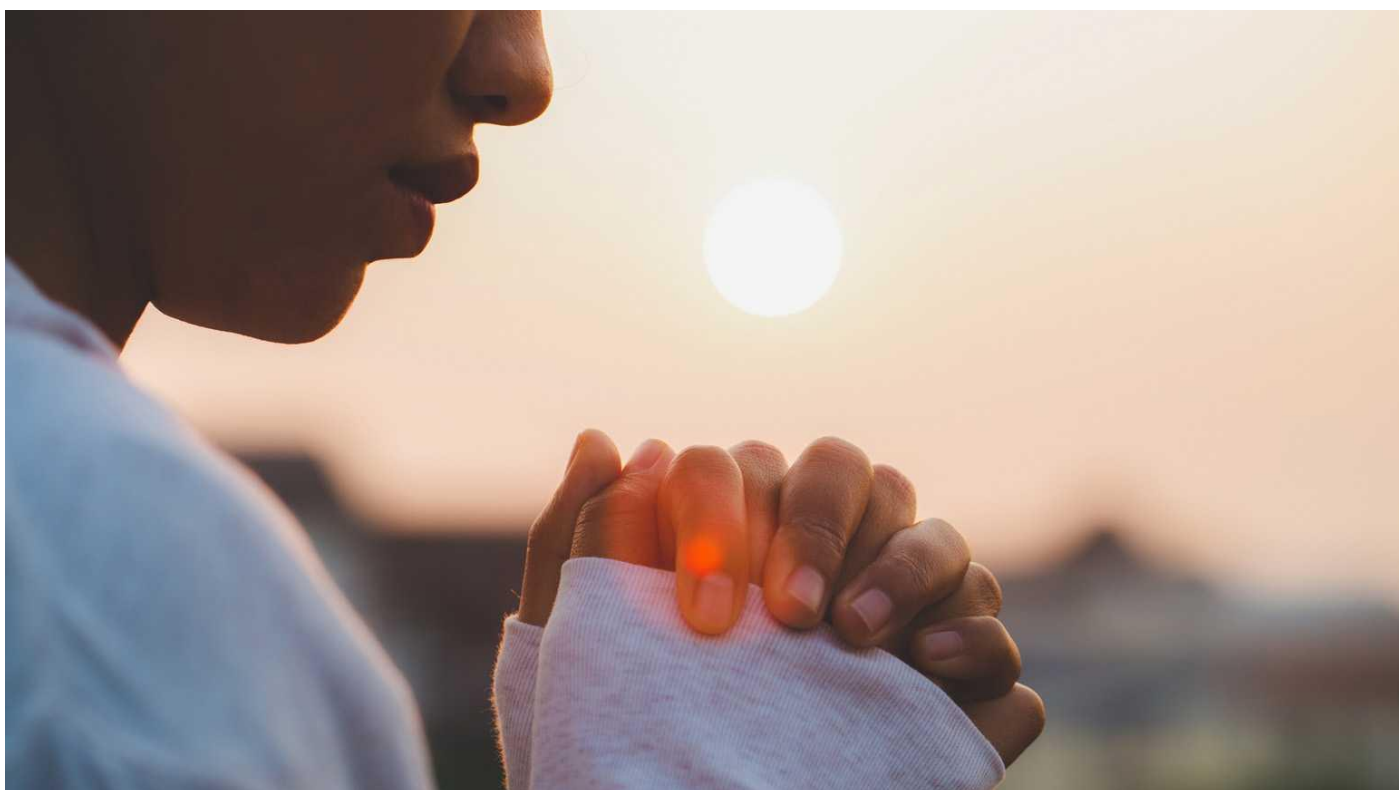


# St John's Ranmoor

A Service of Evening Prayer  
for  
Thy Kingdom Come



**Tuesday 18th May 2021**  
**7.30pm**



*The Blessing of Light*

*A lamp or candle may be lit.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation:  
my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

*All* The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*This, or a seasonal prayer of thanksgiving, is said*

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise  
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Other candles may be lit as Phos Hilaron is sung*

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured  
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
the lights of evening round us shine,  
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
with undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:  
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*(Greek 4th c. or earlier) tr: John Keble*

*Verses from Psalm 141 – A Song of the Evening Sacrifice may be said and incense may be burned*

*All* **Let my prayer rise before you as incense, ●  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; •  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, •  
and guard the door of my lips;

**All** Let my prayer rise before you as incense, •  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; •  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; •  
in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

**All** Let my prayer rise before you as incense, •  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Psalm 141.1-4b, 8*

*This opening prayer may be said*

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

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.

**All** Amen.

**The Word of God**

*Psalmody*

Psalm 17 : 1-8

- 1 Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; ◆  
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; ◆  
let your eyes behold what is right.
- 3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night, ◆  
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; ◆  
I have heeded the words of your lips.

- 5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; ♦  
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; ♦  
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.
- 7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, ♦  
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; ♦  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

**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.**

*Scripture Reading*

*Romans 8.14-17, 26-27*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Canticle*

*A Song of Humility*

*Refrain:*

**All Raise us up, O God,  
that we may live in your presence.**

- 1 Come, let us return to the Lord ♦  
who has torn us and will heal us.
- 2 God has stricken us ♦  
and will bind up our wounds.
- 3 After two days, he will revive us, ♦  
and on the third day will raise us up,  
that we may live in his presence.
- 4 Let us strive to know the Lord; ♦  
his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.
- 5 He will come to us like the showers, ♦

like the spring rains that water the earth.  
6 'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? ♦  
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?  
7 'Your love for me is like the morning mist, ♦  
like the dew that goes early away.  
8 'Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, ♦  
and my judgement goes forth as the light.  
9 'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, ♦  
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'

*Hosea 6.1-6*

**All** **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.**

**All** **Raise us up, O God,  
that we may live in your presence.**

*Scripture Reading*

*Luke 11:1-13*

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

*The readings are followed by a time of silence*

*Gospel Cantic*

## *The Magnificat*

My soul will magnify the Lord;  
I rejoice in God my Saviour,  
In the wonder of His favour.  
For He has done great things for me;  
He was mindful of His servant.  
Every age shall call me blessed.  
The Hope of Abraham come  
In the giving of a Son;  
For He who promised is mighty  
In remembering His mercy.

My soul will magnify the Lord  
For His grace to those who fear Him  
Through every generation.  
The proud He scatters to the wind  
As the ruler's strength is broken,  
And the rich are left with nothing.  
The humble lifted high,  
And the hungry satisfied;  
Our Portion and our Treasure,  
Our Hope and Help forever.

*From Luke 1:46-55*

*Words and Music - Keith Getty, Kristen Getty and Stuart Townend*

## *Reflection*

### *Hymn*

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
uttered or unexpressed;  
the motion of a hidden fire  
that trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
that infant lips can try,  
prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
the Majesty on high.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,  
the Christian's native air,  
his watchword at the gates of death:  
he enters heaven with prayer.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,  
returning from his ways;  
while angels in their songs rejoice,  
and cry, 'Behold, he prays!

O Thou by whom we come to God,  
the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
the path of prayer thyself hast trod:  
Lord, teach us how to pray!

*James Montgomery (1771-1854)*

**Prayers**

## *Intercessions are offered*

### *Collect for the day*

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### *Hymn*

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That with thy wonted favour thou  
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
From nightly fears and fantasies;  
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,  
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

*(Latin, before 11th c.) tr. John Mason Neale*

We are called and loved by God the Father  
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.

*All* **May mercy, peace and love be ours in abundance,  
from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen**

*All* **May 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.

*All* **Thanks be to God**