

**T. F. Torrance Retreat September 2021**

**Thursday 23 September**

**CLOSING PRAYERS**



[Jennifer Floether, **Bob Walker**]

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**who made heaven and earth.**

Father, we thank you for this day,

**for all we have heard and learned, in fellowship with one another.**

Most merciful God, we confess your righteousness,

**for you have made us righteous in Christ.**

We confess your forgiveness,

**for you have freed us from sin and brought us to eternal life.**

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**

## PSALM 121

[Robin Noad, **Bob Walker**]

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

**The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and for evermore.**

## READING: John 16.23-33.

[Karen Noad]

*Hear the words that Jesus said:*

<sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.

<sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

## REFLECTION

[Jennifer Floether]

## PRAYERS

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## LORD'S PRAYER

[Bob Walker]

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.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*Music Geoffrey Burgon, 1979. Performed by  
Thomas Hopkinson · The Choir of King's College, Cambridge · John Wallace · Stephen Cleobury, 1988*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
which thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

[Robin Noad, **Karen Noad**]

Give to us, Lord Jesus Christ, the fullness of grace,  
your presence and your very self,  
**for you are our portion and our delight,**  
**now and for ever.**

[Jennifer Floether, **Bob Walker**]

And may the Lord bless us and keep us;  
the Lord make his face shine upon us, and be gracious to us;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.  
**Amen.**