



Evening Prayer

Sunday, 21st June 2026

Third Sunday of Trinity

O God, make speed to save us.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.

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:
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Psalm 46

I God is our refuge and strength, ♦
a very present help in trouble;

2 *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ♦
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;*

3 *Though the waters rage and swell, ♦
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.*

4 *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ♦
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.*

5 *God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; ♦
God shall help her at the break of day.*

6 *The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, ♦
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.*

7 *The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

8 *Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.*

9 *He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.*

10 *'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'*

11 *The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

Psalm 48

1 *Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, ♦
in the city of our God.*

2 *His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, ♦
the joy of all the earth.*

3 *On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, ♦
stands the city of the great king.*

4 *In her palaces God has shown himself ♦
to be a sure refuge.*

5 *For behold, the kings of the earth assembled ♦
and swept forward together.*

6 *They saw, and were dumbfounded; ♦
dismayed, they fled in terror.*
7 Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour, ♦
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.
8 *As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: ♦
God has established her for ever.*
9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, ♦
in the midst of your temple.
10 *As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; ♦
your right hand is full of justice.*
11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, ♦
because of your judgements, O Lord.
12 *Walk about Zion and go round about her;
count all her towers; ♦
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,*
13 That you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and ever. ♦
It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

**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.**

I Samuel 24.1-17

When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, 'David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.' Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to look for David and his men in the direction of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. He came to the sheepfolds beside the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. The men of David said to him, 'Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, "I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to

you.”’ Then David went and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul’s cloak. Afterwards David was stricken to the heart because he had cut off a corner of Saul’s cloak. He said to his men, ‘The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord’s anointed, to raise my hand against him; for he is the Lord’s anointed.’ So David scolded his men severely and did not permit them to attack Saul. Then Saul got up and left the cave, and went on his way.

Afterwards David also rose up and went out of the cave and called after Saul, ‘My lord the king!’ When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance. David said to Saul, ‘Why do you listen to the words of those who say, “David seeks to do you harm”? This very day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you into my hand in the cave; and some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, “I will not raise my hand against my lord; for he is the Lord’s anointed.” See, my father, see the corner of your cloak in my hand; for by the fact that I cut off the corner of your cloak, and did not kill you, you may know for certain that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you are hunting me to take my life. May the Lord judge between me and you! May the Lord avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you. As the ancient proverb says, “Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness”; but my hand shall not be against you. Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A single flea? May the Lord therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you. May he see to it, and plead my cause, and vindicate me against you.’

When David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, ‘Is that your voice, my son David?’ Saul lifted up his voice and wept. He said to David, ‘You are more righteous than I; for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil.’

Luke 14.12-24

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will

be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"'

A short reflection follows

The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the strength of my life.

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The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Lord is the strength of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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from Psalm 27 and John 1

The Magnificat

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
2 *From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.*
3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
4 *He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,*
5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
6 *He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.*
7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
8 *The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.*
Luke 1.46-55

**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.**

Prayers

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,

you have broken the tyranny of sin

and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts

whereby we call you Father:

give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,

that we and all creation may be brought

to the glorious liberty of the children of God;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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.

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.