



Evening Prayer Sunday, 28th June 2026 Fourth Sunday after 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.

Candles are lit.

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 50

1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken ♦ and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 *Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; ♦ our God comes and will not keep silence.*

3 Consuming fire goes out before him ♦ and a mighty tempest stirs about him.

4 *He calls the heaven above, ♦ and the earth, that he may judge his people:*

5 'Gather to me my faithful, ♦ who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'

6 *Let the heavens declare his righteousness, ♦ for God himself is judge.*

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: ♦ 'I will testify against you, O Israel; for I am God, your God.

8 *'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, ♦ for your burnt offerings are always before me.*

- 9 'I will take no bull out of your house, ♦ nor he-goat out of your folds,
10 *'For all the beasts of the forest are mine, ♦ the cattle upon a thousand hills.*
11 'I know every bird of the mountains ♦ and the insect of the field is mine.
12 *'If I were hungry, I would not tell you, ♦ for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.*
13 'Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, ♦ or drink the blood of goats?
14 *'Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦ and fulfil your vows to God Most High.*
15 'Call upon me in the day of trouble; ♦ I will deliver you and you shall honour me.'
16 *But to the wicked, says God: ♦ 'Why do you recite my statutes and take my covenant upon your lips,*
17 *'Since you refuse to be disciplined ♦ and have cast my words behind you?*
18 *'When you saw a thief, you made friends with him ♦ and you threw in your lot with adulterers.*
19 'You have loosed your lips for evil ♦ and harnessed your tongue to deceit.
20 *'You sit and speak evil of your brother; ♦ you slander your own mother's son.*
21 'These things have you done, and should I keep silence? ♦ Did you think that I am even such a one as yourself?
22 *'But no, I must reprove you, ♦ and set before your eyes the things that you have done.*
23 'You that forget God, consider this well, ♦ lest I tear you apart and there is none to deliver you.
24 *'Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me ♦ and to those who keep my way will I show the salvation of God.'*

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.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 28.3-19

Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. Saul had expelled the mediums and the wizards from the land. The Philistines assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, not by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, 'Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her.' His servants said to him, 'There is a medium at Endor.'

So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, 'Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you.' The woman said to him, 'Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?' But Saul swore to her by the Lord, 'As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.' Then the woman said, 'Whom shall I bring up for you?' He answered, 'Bring up Samuel for me.' When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, 'Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!' The king said to her, 'Have no fear; what do you see?' The woman said to Saul, 'I see a divine being coming up out of the ground.' He said to her, 'What is his appearance?' She said, 'An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe.' So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

Then Samuel said to Saul, 'Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?' Saul answered, 'I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.' Samuel said, 'Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbour David. Because you did not obey the voice of

the Lord, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you today. Moreover, the Lord will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.'

Second Reading: Luke 17.20-37

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.'

Then he said to the disciples, 'The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, "Look there!" or "Look here!" Do not go, do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking, and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all of them —it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away; and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who

lose their life will keep it. I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken and the other left.' Then they asked him, 'Where, Lord?' He said to them, 'Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.'

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.

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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

**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 and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; 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.**

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