



# Evening Prayer

## Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Fifth Sunday after Trinity

All      O God, make speed to save us.  
          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 56

1 Have mercy on me, O God, for they trample over me; ♦  
all day long they assault and oppress me.

*2 My adversaries trample over me all the day long; ♦  
many are they that make proud war against me.*

3 In the day of my fear I put my trust in you, ♦  
in God whose word I praise.

*4 In God I trust, and will not fear, ♦  
for what can flesh do to me?*

5 All day long they wound me with words; ♦  
their every thought is to do me evil.

*6 They stir up trouble; they lie in wait; ♦  
marking my steps, they seek my life.*

7 Shall they escape for all their wickedness? ♦  
In anger, O God, cast the peoples down.

*8 You have counted up my groaning;  
put my tears into your bottle; ♦  
are they not written in your book?*

9 Then shall my enemies turn back  
on the day when I call upon you; ♦  
this I know, for God is on my side.

*10 In God whose word I praise,  
in the Lord whose word I praise, ♦  
in God I trust and will not fear:  
what can flesh do to me?*

11 To you, O God, will I fulfil my vows; ♦  
to you will I present my offerings of thanks,

*12 For you will deliver my soul from death  
and my feet from falling, ♦  
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.*

## Psalm 57

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, ♦  
for my soul takes refuge in you;

2 *In the shadow of your wings will I take refuge ♦  
until the storm of destruction has passed by.*

3 I will call upon the Most High God, ♦  
the God who fulfils his purpose for me.

4 *He will send from heaven and save me  
and rebuke those that would trample upon me; ♦  
God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.*

5 I lie in the midst of lions, ♦  
people whose teeth are spears and arrows,  
and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, ♦  
and your glory over all the earth.*

7 They have laid a net for my feet;  
my soul is pressed down; ♦  
they have dug a pit before me  
and will fall into it themselves.

8 *My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; ♦  
I will sing and give you praise.*

9 Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre, ♦  
that I may awaken the dawn.

10 *I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples; ♦  
I will sing praise to you among the nations.*

11 For your loving-kindness is as high as the heavens, ♦  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

12 *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, ♦  
and your glory over all the earth.*

**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: 2 Samuel 2.1-11; 3.1*

After the death of Saul and Jonathan David inquired of the Lord, 'Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?' The Lord said to him, 'Go up.' David said, 'To which shall I go up?' He said, 'To Hebron.' So David went up there, along with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David brought up the men who were with him, every one with his household; and they settled in the towns of Hebron. Then the people of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. When they told David, 'It was the people of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul', David sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, 'May you be blessed by the Lord, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord, and buried him! Now may the Lord show steadfast love and faithfulness to you! And I too will reward you because you have done this thing. Therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.'

But Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken Ishbaal son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim. He made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel. Ishbaal, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned for two years. But the house of Judah followed David. The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months. There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

*Second Reading: Luke 18.31 - 19.10*

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed

over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God. He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

*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 Lord is the strength of my life.**

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 and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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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