



Evening Prayer

Sunday, 6th September 2026

Creation in Christ

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 104

I Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
*2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, ♦
wrapped in light as in a garment.*
3 You spread out the heavens like a curtain ♦
and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters
above.
*4 You make the clouds your chariot ♦
and ride on the wings of the wind.*
5 You make the winds your messengers ♦
and flames of fire your servants.
*6 You laid the foundations of the earth, ♦
that it never should move at any time.*
7 You covered it with the deep like a garment; ♦
the waters stood high above the hills.
*8 At your rebuke they fled; ♦
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.*
9 They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys
beneath, ♦
to the place which you had appointed for them.
*10 You have set them their bounds that they should not
pass, ♦
nor turn again to cover the earth.*
11 You send the springs into the brooks, ♦
which run among the hills.

*12 They give drink to every beast of the field, ♦
and the wild asses quench their thirst.*

*13 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests ♦
and sing among the branches.*

*14 You water the hills from your dwelling on high; ♦
the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.*

*15 You make grass to grow for the cattle ♦
and plants to meet our needs,*

*16 Bringing forth food from the earth ♦
and wine to gladden our hearts,*

*17 Oil to give us a cheerful countenance ♦
and bread to strengthen our hearts.*

*18 The trees of the Lord are full of sap, ♦
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,*

*19 In which the birds build their nests, ♦
while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.*

*20 The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats ♦
and the stony cliffs for the conies.*

*21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, ♦
and the sun knows the time for its setting.*

*22 You make darkness that it may be night, ♦
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.*

*23 The lions roar for their prey ♦
and seek their food from God.*

*24 The sun rises and they are gone ♦
to lay themselves down in their dens.*

*25 People go forth to their work ♦
and to their labour until the evening.*

*26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

*27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and
great.*

*28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦
which you have made to play in the deep.*

*29 All of these look to you ♦
to give them their food in due season.*

*30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦
you open your hand and they are filled with good.*

*31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.*

*32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦
and you renew the face of the earth.*

*33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
may the Lord rejoice in his works;*

*34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦
he touches the mountains and they smoke.*

*35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦
I will make music to my God while I have my being.*

*36 So shall my song please him ♦
while I rejoice in the Lord.*

*37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more. ♦*

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia.

**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: Ezekiel 47.1-12

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there,
water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple towards

the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. Going on eastwards with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, 'Mortal, have you seen this?' Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. He said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Second Reading: Revelation 22.1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

I 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

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,

that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.