



Evening Prayer

Sunday, 11th October 2026

Nineteenth 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.

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 139.1-18

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ♦
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

*2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place ♦
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

3 For there is not a word on my tongue, ♦
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

*4 You encompass me behind and before ♦
and lay your hand upon me.*

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, ♦
so high that I cannot attain it.

*6 Where can I go then from your spirit? ♦
Or where can I flee from your presence?*

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; ♦
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

*8 If I take the wings of the morning ♦
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

9 Even there your hand shall lead me, ♦
your right hand hold me fast.

*10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me ♦
and the light around me turn to night,'*

11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day; ♦
darkness and light to you are both alike.

*12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; ♦
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ♦
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

*14 My frame was not hidden from you, ♦
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.*

15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; ♦
already in your book were all my members written,

*16 As day by day they were fashioned ♦
when as yet there was none of them.*

17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! ♦
How great is the sum of them!

*18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, ♦
and at the end, I am still in your presence.*

**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: Proverbs 3.1-18

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favour and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

Honour the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
for the Lord reproves the one he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-15

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have

passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.

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

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.**