

Evening Prayer on 28 July 2024, The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

HYMN

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.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 74

Arise, O God, maintain your own cause.

1 O God, why have you utterly disowned us? ♦
Why does your anger burn
against the sheep of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation that you purchased of old, ♦
the tribe you redeemed for your own possession,
and Mount Zion where you dwelt.

3 Hasten your steps towards the endless ruins, ♦
where the enemy has laid waste all your sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries roared in the place of your worship; ♦
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

5 Like men brandishing axes on high in a thicket of trees, ♦
all her carved work they smashed down with hatchet and hammer.

6 They set fire to your holy place; ♦
they defiled the dwelling place of your name
and razed it to the ground.

7 They said in their heart, 'Let us make havoc of them altogether,' ♦
and they burned down all the sanctuaries of God in the land.

8 There are no signs to see, not one prophet left, ♦
not one among us who knows how long.

9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? ♦
Shall the enemy blaspheme your name for ever?

10 Why have you withheld your hand ♦
and hidden your right hand in your bosom?

11 Yet God is my king from of old, ♦
who did deeds of salvation in the midst of the earth.

12 It was you that divided the sea by your might ♦
and shattered the heads of the dragons on the waters;

13 You alone crushed the heads of Leviathan ♦
and gave him to the beasts of the desert for food.

14 You cleft the rock for fountain and flood; ♦
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; ♦
you established the moon and the sun.

16 You set all the bounds of the earth; ♦
you fashioned both summer and winter.

17 Remember now, Lord, how the enemy scoffed, ♦
how a foolish people despised your name.

18 Do not give to wild beasts the soul of your turtle dove; ♦
forget not the lives of your poor for ever.

19 Look upon your creation,
for the earth is full of darkness, ♦
full of the haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed, ♦
but let the poor and needy praise your name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your own cause; ♦
remember how fools revile you all the day long.

22 Forget not the clamour of your adversaries, ♦
the tumult of your enemies that ascends continually.

**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.**

Arise, O God, maintain your own cause.

A Song of the Lamb

**Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ♦
whose judgements are true and just.

2 Praise our God, all you his servants, ♦
all who fear him, both small and great.

3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: ♦
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come ♦
and his bride has made herself ready.

5 Blessed are those who are invited ♦
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

Revelation 19.1b, 2a, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 8

Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up. For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, 'See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.' But Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second one.

God finds fault with them when he says:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,

when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah;

not like the covenant that I made with their ancestors,

on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt;

for they did not continue in my covenant,

and so I had no concern for them, says the Lord.

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
And they shall not teach one another
or say to each other, "Know the Lord",
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.
For I will be merciful towards their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more.'

In speaking of 'a new covenant', he has made the first one obsolete. And what is obsolete and growing old will soon disappear.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat

**You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.**

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.**

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and holy is your name.**

Prayers

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.