

¶ Evening Prayer on Sunday, 29 June 2025 Peter and Paul, Apostles

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All 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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 124

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side, ♦
now may Israel say;

2 If the Lord had not been on our side, ♦
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us alive ♦
when their anger burned against us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over our soul; ♦
over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

5 But blessed be the Lord ♦
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

6 Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler; ♦
the snare is broken and we are delivered.

7 Our help is in the name of the Lord, ♦
who has made heaven and earth.

**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.**

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness; ♦
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦
you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ♦
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

**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.**

All: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

Canticle

All Christ was believed in throughout the world and taken up in glory.

- 1 Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh ♦
and vindicated in the spirit.
- 2 He was seen by angels ♦
and proclaimed among the nations.
- 3 Believed in throughout the world, ♦
he was taken up in glory.
- 4 This will be made manifest at the proper time ♦
by the blessed and only Sovereign,
- 5 Who alone has immortality, ♦
and dwells in unapproachable light.

**All To the King of kings and Lord of lords ♦
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.**

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Scripture Reading *Ezekiel 34.11-16*

As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Gospel Canticle *The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)*

**All On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.**

- 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.

**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.**

**All On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.**

Prayers

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
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.

All Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

**All 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.

All Thanks be to God.