

Evening Prayer on Sunday, 14 June 2026

The Second 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.

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

Psalm 42

- 1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, ♦
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; ♦
when shall I come before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my bread day and night, ♦
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'
- 4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: ♦
how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, ♦
among those who kept holy day.
- 6 *Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, ♦
and why are you so disquieted within me?*
- 7 *O put your trust in God; ♦
for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; ♦
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from Hermon and the hill of Mizar.
- 9 Deep calls to deep in the thunder of your waterfalls; ♦
all your breakers and waves have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; ♦
through the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I say to God my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me, ♦
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?'
- 12 As they crush my bones, my enemies mock me; ♦
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'
- 13 *Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? ♦
and why are you so disquieted within me?*
- 14 *O put your trust in God; ♦
for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

**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.**

Psalm 43

- 1 Give judgement for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; ♦
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my refuge; why have you cast me from you, ♦
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, ♦
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling,
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; ♦
and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- 5 *Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, ♦
and why are you so disquieted within me?*
- 6 *O put your trust in God; ♦
for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

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Canticle

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.

**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.**

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Scripture Reading *1 Samuel 21.1-15*

David came to Nob to the priest Ahimelech. Ahimelech came trembling to meet David, and said to him, 'Why are you alone, and no one with you?' David said to the priest Ahimelech, 'The king has charged me with a matter, and said to me, "No one must know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you." I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. Now then, what have you at hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.' The priest answered David, 'I have no ordinary bread at hand, only holy bread—provided that the young men have kept themselves from women.' David answered the priest, 'Indeed, women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition; the vessels of the young men are holy even when it is a common journey; how much more today will their vessels be holy?' So the priest gave him the holy bread; for there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the LORD to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; his name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's shepherds. David said to Ahimelech, 'Is there no spear or sword here with you? I did not bring my sword or my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.' The priest said, 'The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you will take that, take it, for there is none here except that one.' David said, 'There is none like it; give it to me.'

David rose and fled that day from Saul; he went to King Achish of Gath. The servants of Achish said to him, 'Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his tens of thousands"?'

David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of King Achish of Gath. So he changed his behaviour before them; he pretended to be mad when in their presence. He scratched marks on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle run down his beard. Achish said to his servants, 'Look, you see the man is mad; why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?'

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.

**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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Prayers

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.