

Evening Prayer on Sunday, Sunday 5 July 2026
The Fifth 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 - Psalm 56

In God I trust, and will not fear.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, for they trample over me; ♦
all day long they assault and oppress me.
- 2 My adversaries trample over me all the day long; ♦
many are they that make proud war against me.
- 3 In the day of my fear I put my trust in you, ♦
in God whose word I praise.
- 4 In God I trust, and will not fear, ♦
for what can flesh do to me?
- 5 All day long they wound me with words; ♦
their every thought is to do me evil.
- 6 They stir up trouble; they lie in wait; ♦
marking my steps, they seek my life.
- 7 Shall they escape for all their wickedness? ♦
In anger, O God, cast the peoples down.
- 8 You have counted up my groaning;
put my tears into your bottle; ♦
are they not written in your book?
- 9 Then shall my enemies turn back
on the day when I call upon you; ♦
this I know, for God is on my side.
- 10 In God whose word I praise,
in the Lord whose word I praise, ♦
in God I trust and will not fear:
what can flesh do to me?
- 11 To you, O God, will I fulfil my vows; ♦
to you will I present my offerings of thanks,
- 12 For you will deliver my soul from death
and my feet from falling, ♦
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

**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.**

In God I trust, and will not fear.

Psalm 57

- 1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, ♦
for my soul takes refuge in you;
- 2 In the shadow of your wings will I take refuge ♦
until the storm of destruction has passed by.
- 3 I will call upon the Most High God, ♦
the God who fulfils his purpose for me.
- 4 He will send from heaven and save me
and rebuke those that would trample upon me; ♦
God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.
- 5 I lie in the midst of lions, ♦
people whose teeth are spears and arrows,
and their tongue a sharp sword.
- 6 *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, ♦
and your glory over all the earth.*
- 7 They have laid a net for my feet;
my soul is pressed down; ♦
they have dug a pit before me
and will fall into it themselves.
- 8 My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; ♦
I will sing and give you praise.
- 9 Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre, ♦
that I may awaken the dawn.
- 10 I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples; ♦
I will sing praise to you among the nations.
- 11 For your loving-kindness is as high as the heavens, ♦
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- 12 *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, ♦
and your glory over all the earth.*

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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.
- 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.
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and give glory and homage to our God.**

Scripture Reading - 2 Samuel 2.1-11; 3.1

After the death of Saul and Jonathan David inquired of the LORD, 'Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?' The LORD said to him, 'Go up.' David said, 'To which shall I go up?' He said, 'To Hebron.' So David went up there, along with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David brought up the men who were with him, every one with his household; and they settled in the towns of Hebron. Then the people of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

When they told David, 'It was the people of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul', David sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, 'May you be blessed by the LORD, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord, and buried him! Now may the LORD show steadfast love and faithfulness to you! And I too will reward you because you have done this thing. Therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.'

But Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken Ishbaal son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim. He made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel. Ishbaal, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned for two years. But the house of Judah followed David. The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

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

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 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.