

Evening Prayer on Sunday, Sunday 26 July 2026
The Eighth 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

Psalms 75

God alone is judge.

- 1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, ♦
for your name is near, as your wonderful deeds declare.
- 2 'I will seize the appointed time; ♦
I, the Lord, will judge with equity.
- 3 'Though the earth reels and all that dwell in her, ♦
it is I that hold her pillars steady.
- 4 'To the boasters I say, "Boast no longer," ♦
and to the wicked, "Do not lift up your horn.
- 5 ' "Do not lift up your horn on high; ♦
do not speak with a stiff neck." '
- 6 For neither from the east nor from the west, ♦
nor yet from the wilderness comes exaltation.
- 7 But God alone is judge; ♦
he puts down one and raises up another.
- 8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, ♦
well mixed and full of foaming wine.
- 9 He pours it out for all the wicked of the earth; ♦
they shall drink it, and drain the dregs.
- 10 But I will rejoice for ever ♦
and make music to the God of Jacob.
- 11 All the horns of the wicked will I break, ♦
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

**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.**

God alone is judge.

Psalm 76

The Lord has made fast his throne for judgement.

- 1 In Judah God is known; ♦
his name is great in Israel.
- 2 At Salem is his tabernacle, ♦
and his dwelling place in Zion.
- 3 There broke he the flashing arrows of the bow, ♦
the shield, the sword and the weapons of war.
- 4 In the light of splendour you appeared, ♦
glorious from the eternal mountains.
- 5 The boastful were plundered; they have slept their sleep; ♦
none of the warriors can lift their hand.
- 6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, ♦
both horse and chariot fell stunned.
- 7 Terrible are you in majesty: ♦
who can stand before your face when you are angry?
- 8 You caused your judgement to be heard from heaven; ♦
the earth trembled and was still,
- 9 When God arose to judgement, ♦
to save all the meek upon earth.
- 10 You crushed the wrath of the peoples ♦
and bridled the wrathful remnant.
- 11 Make a vow to the Lord your God and keep it; ♦
let all who are round about him bring gifts
to him that is worthy to be feared.
- 12 He breaks down the spirit of princes ♦
and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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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.

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

1 Kings 6.11-14, 23-end

Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon, 'Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, obey my ordinances, and keep all my commandments by walking in them, then I will establish my promise with you, which I made to your father David. I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.'

So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. Five cubits was the length of one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the length of the other wing of the cherub; it was ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. The other cherub also measured ten cubits; both cherubim had the same measure and the same form. The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was that of the other cherub. He put the cherubim in the innermost part of the house; the wings of the cherubim were spread out so that a wing of one was touching one wall, and a wing of the other cherub was touching the other wall; their other wings towards the centre of the house were touching wing to wing. He also overlaid the cherubim with gold.

He carved the walls of the house all round about with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms. The floor of the house he overlaid with gold, in the inner and outer rooms.

For the entrance to the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and the doorposts were five-sided. He covered the two doors of olive wood with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; he overlaid them with gold, and spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. So also he made for the entrance to the nave doorposts of olive wood, each four-sided, and two doors of cypress wood; the two leaves of one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. He carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, overlaying them with gold evenly applied upon the carved work. He built the inner court with three courses of dressed stone to one course of cedar beams.

In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv. In the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its parts, and according to all its specifications. He was seven years in building it.

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 Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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.