

Evening Prayer on Sunday, 6 September 2026
The Fourteenth 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 108

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

1 My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; ♦

I will sing and give you praise.

2 Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre, ♦

that I may awaken the dawn.

3 I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples; ♦

I will sing praise to you among the nations.

4 For your loving-kindness is as high as the heavens ♦

and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens ♦

and your glory over all the earth.

6 That your beloved may be delivered, ♦

save us by your right hand and answer me.

7 God has spoken in his holiness: ♦

'I will triumph and divide Shechem and share out the valley of Succoth.

8 'Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; ♦

Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my sceptre.

9 'Moab shall be my washpot, over Edom will I cast my sandal, ♦

across Philistia will I shout in triumph.'

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? ♦

Who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? ♦

Will you no longer go forth with our troops?

12 O grant us your help against the enemy, ♦

for earthly help is in vain.

13 Through God will we do great acts, ♦

for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us.

- 1 Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory, ♦
for the sake of your loving mercy and truth.
- 2 Why should the nations say, ♦
'Where is now their God?'
- 3 As for our God, he is in heaven; ♦
he does whatever he pleases.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, ♦
the work of human hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but cannot speak; ♦
eyes have they, but cannot see;
- 6 They have ears, but cannot hear; ♦
noses have they, but cannot smell;
- 7 They have hands, but cannot feel;
feet have they, but cannot walk; ♦
not a whisper do they make from their throats.
- 8 Those who make them shall become like them ♦
and so will all who put their trust in them.
- 9 But you, Israel, put your trust in the Lord; ♦
he is their help and their shield.
- 10 House of Aaron, trust in the Lord; ♦
he is their help and their shield.
- 11 You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; ♦
he is their help and their shield.
- 12 The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us; ♦
may he bless the house of Israel; may he bless the house of Aaron;
- 13 May he bless those who fear the Lord, ♦
both small and great together.
- 14 May the Lord increase you more and more, ♦
you and your children after you.
- 15 May you be blest by the Lord, ♦
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 16 The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, ♦
but the earth he has entrusted to his children.
- 17 The dead do not praise the Lord, ♦
nor those gone down into silence;
- 18 But we will bless the Lord, ♦
from this time forth for evermore. Alleluia.

**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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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 *Ezekiel 12.21 - 13.16*

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, what is this proverb of yours about the land of Israel, which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision comes to nothing'? Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall use it no more as a proverb in Israel.' But say to them, 'The days are near, and the fulfilment of every vision. For there shall no longer be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. But I the LORD will speak the word that I speak, and it will be fulfilled. It will no longer be delayed; but in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and fulfil it,' says the Lord GOD.

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for many years ahead; he prophesies for distant times.' Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: None of my words will be delayed any longer, but the word that I speak will be fulfilled,' says the Lord GOD.

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are prophesying; say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: 'Hear the word of the LORD!' Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Alas for the senseless prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! Your prophets have been like jackals among ruins, O Israel. You have not gone up into the breaches, or repaired a wall for the house of Israel, so that it might stand in battle on the day of the LORD. They have prophesied falsehood and lying divination; they say, 'Says the LORD', when the LORD has not sent them, and yet they wait for the fulfilment of their word! Have you not seen a false vision or uttered a lying divination, when you have said, 'Says the LORD', even though I did not speak?

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have uttered falsehood and prophesied lies, I am against you, says the Lord GOD. My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations; they shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord GOD. Because, in truth, because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace', when there is no peace; and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear whitewash on it. Say to those who smear whitewash on it that it shall fall. There will be a deluge of rain, great hailstones will fall, and a stormy wind will break out. When the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the whitewash you smeared on it?' Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: In my wrath I will make a stormy wind break out, and in my anger there shall be a deluge of rain, and hailstones in wrath to destroy it. I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare; when it falls, you shall perish within it; and you shall know that I am the LORD. Thus I will spend my wrath upon the wall, and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash; and I will say to you, 'The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it—the prophets of Israel who prophesied concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for it, when there was no peace,' says the Lord GOD.

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

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

**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.