

Evening Prayer Sunday, 1 June 2025, Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension Day)

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

All and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

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 68.1-13, 14-17, 18, 19

Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

- 1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦
let those that hate him flee before him.
- 2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦
as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦
let them make merry with gladness.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.
- 5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, ♦
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; ♦
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
- 10 Your people came to dwell there; ♦
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.
- 11 The Lord gave the word; great was the company of women who bore the tidings: ♦
'Kings and their armies they flee, they flee!' and women at home are dividing the spoil.

- 12 Though you stayed among the sheepfolds, ♦
see now a dove's wings covered with silver and its feathers with green gold.
- 13 When the Almighty scattered the kings, ♦
it was like snowflakes falling on Zalmon.
- 14 You mighty mountain, great mountain of Bashan! ♦
You towering mountain, great mountain of Bashan!
- 15 Why look with envy, you towering mountains, at the mount which God has desired for his dwelling, ♦
the place where the Lord will dwell for ever?
- 16 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, even thousands upon thousands; ♦
the Lord is among them, the Lord of Sinai in holy power.
- 17 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; ♦
you have received tribute, even from those who rebelled, that you may reign as Lord and God.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord who bears our burdens day by day, ♦
for God is our salvation.
- 19 God is for us the God of our salvation; ♦
God is the Lord who can deliver from death.

**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.**

Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

Canticle

**The Spirit of the Father,
who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,
gives life to the people of God. Alleluia.**

- 1 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus ♦
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; ♦
for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba, Father'.
- 3 The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God ♦
and if God's children, then heirs of God;
- 4 If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; ♦
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him.
- 5 These sufferings that we now endure ♦
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.
- 6 For the creation waits with eager longing ♦
for the revealing of the children of God.

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Scripture Reading Isaiah 44.1-8

But now hear, O Jacob my servant,
Israel whom I have chosen!
Thus says the LORD who made you,
who formed you in the womb and will help you:
Do not fear, O Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants,
and my blessing on your offspring.
They shall spring up like a green tamarisk,
like willows by flowing streams.
This one will say, 'I am the LORD's',
another will be called by the name of Jacob,
yet another will write on the hand, 'The LORD's',
and adopt the name of Israel.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Gospel Canticle The Magnificat

**How excellent is your name in all the world,
you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

- 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.**

**How excellent is your name in all the world,
you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

Prayers

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
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

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.