

## **Evening Prayer on Sunday, Sunday 6 July 2025**

### **The Third 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**

##### **Psalmody**

*Psalm 65*

*Be joyful in God, all the earth.*

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦  
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦  
when our misdeeds prevail against us,  
you will purge them away.
- 3 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there. ♦  
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,  
even of your holy temple.
- 4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, ♦  
O hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.
- 5 In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦  
and are girded about with might.
- 6 You still the raging of the seas, ♦  
the roaring of their waves  
and the clamour of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
tremble at your marvels; ♦  
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.
- 8 You visit the earth and water it; ♦  
you make it very plenteous.
- 9 The river of God is full of water; ♦  
you prepare grain for your people,  
for so you provide for the earth.
- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦  
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

- 11 You crown the year with your goodness, ♦  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦  
and the hills be girded with joy.
- 13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn  
that they shall laugh and sing.

**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 joyful in God, all the earth.*

*Psalms 70*

*Come to me quickly, O God.*

- 1 O God, make speed to save me; ♦  
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life  
be put to shame and confusion; ♦  
let them be turned back and disgraced  
who wish me evil.
- 3 Let those who mock and deride me ♦  
turn back because of their shame.
- 4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; ♦  
let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'
- 5 As for me, I am poor and needy; ♦  
come to me quickly, O God.
- 6 You are my help and my deliverer; ♦  
O Lord, do not delay.

**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.**

*Come to me quickly, O God.*

**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**

*Genesis 29.1-20*

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. As he looked, he saw a well in the field and three flocks of sheep lying there beside it; for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well.

Jacob said to them, 'My brothers, where do you come from?' They said, 'We are from Haran.' He said to them, 'Do you know Laban son of Nahor?' They said, 'We do.' He said to them, 'Is it well with him?' 'Yes,' they replied, 'and here is his daughter Rachel, coming with the sheep.' He said, 'Look, it is still broad daylight; it is not time for the animals to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go, pasture them.' But they said, 'We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep.'

While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. Now when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of his mother's brother Laban, and the sheep of his mother's brother Laban, Jacob went up and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of his mother's brother Laban. Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept aloud. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son; and she ran and told her father.

When Laban heard the news about his sister's son Jacob, he ran to meet him; he embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, and Laban said to him, 'Surely you are my bone and my flesh!' And he stayed with him for a month.

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

### **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.**

**You have done great things, O God,  
and holy is your name.**

#### **Prayers**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day is said*

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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.**