

## **Evening Prayer on Sunday 13 July 2025**

### **The Fourth 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 77.1-12 [13-end]*

#### **In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord.**

- 1 I cry aloud to God; ♦  
I cry aloud to God and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord; ♦  
by night my hand is stretched out and does not tire; my soul refuses comfort.
- 3 I think upon God and I groan; ♦  
I ponder, and my spirit faints.
- 4 You will not let my eyelids close; ♦  
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- 5 I consider the days of old; ♦  
I remember the years long past;
- 6 I commune with my heart in the night; ♦  
my spirit searches for understanding.
- 7 Will the Lord cast us off for ever? ♦  
Will he no more show us his favour?
- 8 Has his loving mercy clean gone for ever? ♦  
Has his promise come to an end for evermore?
- 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? ♦  
Has he shut up his compassion in displeasure?
- 10 And I said, 'My grief is this: ♦  
that the right hand of the Most High has lost its strength.'
- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord ♦  
and call to mind your wonders of old time.

- 12 I will meditate on all your works ♦  
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; ♦  
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who worked wonders ♦  
and declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 With a mighty arm you redeemed your people, ♦  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and were afraid; ♦  
the depths also were troubled.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; ♦  
your arrows flashed on every side;
- 18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the ground; ♦  
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, ♦  
but your footsteps were not known.
- 20 You led your people like sheep ♦  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

**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 the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord.**

### ***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*** *Genesis 32.9-30*

And Jacob said, ‘O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, “Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good”, I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with

the children. Yet you have said, “I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number.” ’

So he spent that night there, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty milch camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. These he delivered into the hand of his servants, each drove by itself, and said to his servants, ‘Pass on ahead of me, and put a space between drove and drove.’ He instructed the foremost, ‘When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you, “To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?” then you shall say, “They belong to your servant Jacob; they are a present sent to my lord Esau; and moreover he is behind us.” ’ He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, ‘You shall say the same thing to Esau when you meet him, and you shall say, “Moreover your servant Jacob is behind us.” ’ For he thought, ‘I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterwards I shall see his face; perhaps he will accept me.’ So the present passed on ahead of him; and he himself spent that night in the camp.

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day is breaking.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go, unless you bless me.’ So he said to him, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Jacob.’ Then the man said, ‘You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.’ Then Jacob asked him, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he said, ‘Why is it that you ask my name?’ And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, ‘For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.’

### ***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**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day is said*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
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.**