

## ***Evening Prayer on Sunday, Sunday 31 August 2025***

### ***The Eleventh 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 119.81-88 [89-96]***

*Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.*

81 My soul is pining for your salvation; ♦  
I have hoped in your word.

82 My eyes fail with watching for your word, ♦  
while I say, 'O when will you comfort me?'

83 I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, ♦  
yet I do not forget your statutes.

84 How many are the days of your servant? ♦  
When will you bring judgement on those who persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me ♦  
in defiance of your law.

86 All your commandments are true; ♦  
help me, for they persecute me with falsehood.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, ♦  
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 Give me life according to your loving-kindness; ♦  
so shall I keep the testimonies of your mouth.

89 O Lord, your word is everlasting; ♦  
it ever stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness also remains from one generation to another; ♦  
you have established the earth and it abides.

91 So also your judgements stand firm this day, ♦  
for all things are your servants.

- 92 If your law had not been my delight, ♦  
I should have perished in my trouble.
- 93 I will never forget your commandments, ♦  
for by them you have given me life.
- 94 I am yours, O save me! ♦  
For I have sought your commandments.
- 95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me, ♦  
but I will meditate on your testimonies.
- 96 I have seen an end of all perfection, ♦  
but your commandment knows no bounds.

**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.**

*Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.*

### ***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***

#### ***Isaiah 33.13-22***

Hear, you who are far away, what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: 'Who among us can live with the devouring fire? Who among us can live with everlasting flames?' Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly, who despise the gain of oppression, who wave away a bribe instead of accepting it, who stop their ears from hearing of bloodshed and shut their eyes from looking on evil, they will live on the heights; their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks; their food will be supplied, their water assured.

Your eyes will see the king in his beauty; they will behold a land that stretches far away. Your mind will muse on the terror: 'Where is the one who counted? Where is the one who weighed the tribute? Where is the one who counted the towers?' No longer will you see the insolent people, the people of an obscure speech that you cannot comprehend, stammering in a language that you cannot understand. Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, an immovable tent, whose stakes will never be pulled up, and none of whose ropes will be broken. But there the LORD in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars can go, nor stately ship can pass. For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our ruler, the LORD is our king; he will save us.

### ***Gospel Canticle***

**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***

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,

that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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.**