

Evening Prayer on Sunday, 7 June 2026
The First 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 39

Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days.

- 1 I said, 'I will keep watch over my ways, ♦
so that I offend not with my tongue.
- 2 'I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, ♦
while the wicked are in my sight.'
- 3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; ♦
I kept silent but to no avail.
- 4 My distress increased, my heart grew hot within me; ♦
while I mused, the fire was kindled and I spoke out with my tongue:
- 5 'Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days, ♦
that I may know how short my time is.
- 6 'You have made my days but a handsbreadth, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; ♦
truly, even those who stand upright are but a breath.
- 7 'We walk about like a shadow and in vain we are in turmoil; ♦
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.
- 8 'And now, what is my hope? ♦
Truly my hope is even in you.
- 9 'Deliver me from all my transgressions ♦
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.'
- 10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, ♦
for surely it was your doing.
- 11 Take away your plague from me; ♦
I am consumed by the blows of your hand.
- 12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you consume our beauty; ♦
truly, everyone is but a breath.
- 13 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; ♦
hold not your peace at my tears.
- 14 For I am but a stranger with you, ♦
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, ♦
before I go my way and am no more.

**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.**

Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days.

Psalm 41

O Lord, be merciful to me.

1 Blessed are those who consider the poor and needy; ♦
the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The Lord preserves them and restores their life, that they may be happy in the land; ♦
he will not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed; ♦
their sickness, Lord, you will remove.

4 And so I said, 'Lord, be merciful to me; ♦
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'

5 My enemies speak evil about me, ♦
asking when I shall die and my name perish.

6 If they come to see me, they utter empty words; ♦
their heart gathers mischief; when they go out, they tell it abroad.

7 All my enemies whisper together against me, ♦
against me they devise evil,

8 Saying that a deadly thing has laid hold on me, ♦
and that I will not rise again from where I lie.

9 Even my bosom friend, whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, ♦
has lifted up his heel against me.

10 But you, O Lord, be merciful to me ♦
and raise me up, that I may reward them.

11 By this I know that you favour me, ♦
that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 Because of my integrity you uphold me ♦
and will set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, ♦
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

**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.**

O Lord, be merciful to me.

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.

Let us rejoice and exult and give glory and homage to our God.

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 18.1-16

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armour, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. And the women sang to one another as they made merry, 'Saul has killed his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.'

Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him. He said, 'They have ascribed to David tens of thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have but the kingdom?' So Saul eyed David from that day on.

The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, 'I will pin David to the wall.' But David eluded him twice.

Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

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

The Collect of the day is said

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.