

Evening Prayer on Sunday, Sunday 13 September 2026 ***The Fifteenth 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 119. 41-64

My delight shall be in your commandments.

- 41 Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord, ♦
even your salvation, according to your promise.
- 42 Then shall I answer those who taunt me, ♦
for my trust is in your word.
- 43 O take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, ♦
for my hope is in your judgements.
- 44 So shall I always keep your law; ♦
I shall keep it for ever and ever.
- 45 I will walk at liberty, ♦
because I study your commandments.
- 46 I will tell of your testimonies, even before kings, ♦
and will not be ashamed.
- 47 My delight shall be in your commandments, ♦
which I have greatly loved.
- 48 My hands will I lift up to your commandments,
which I love, ♦
and I will meditate on your statutes.
- 49 Remember your word to your servant, ♦
on which you have built my hope.
- 50 This is my comfort in my trouble, ♦
that your promise gives me life.
- 51 The proud have derided me cruelly, ♦
but I have not turned aside from your law.
- 52 I have remembered your everlasting judgements, O Lord, ♦
and have been comforted.
- 53 I am seized with indignation at the wicked, ♦
for they have forsaken your law.
- 54 Your statutes have been like songs to me ♦
in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have thought on your name in the night, O Lord, ♦
and so have I kept your law.
56 These blessings have been mine, ♦
for I have kept your commandments.
57 You only are my portion, O Lord; ♦
I have promised to keep your words.
58 I entreat you with all my heart, ♦
be merciful to me according to your promise.
59 I have considered my ways ♦
and turned my feet back to your testimonies.
60 I made haste and did not delay ♦
to keep your commandments.
61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, ♦
I do not forget your law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, ♦
because of your righteous judgements.
63 I am a companion of all those who fear you, ♦
those who keep your commandments.
64 The earth, O Lord, is full of your faithful love; ♦
instruct me in your statutes.

**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.**

My delight shall be in your commandments.

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

Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44

In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain elders of Israel came to consult the LORD, and sat down before me. And the word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: Why are you coming? To consult me? As I live, says the Lord GOD, I will not be consulted by you. Will you judge them, mortal, will you judge them? Then let them know the abominations of their ancestors, and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob—making myself known to them in the land of Egypt—I swore to them, saying, I am the LORD your God. On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands. And I said to them, Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; not one of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

Then I thought I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

As I live, says the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgement with you face to face. As I entered into judgement with your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgement with you, says the Lord GOD. I will make you pass under the staff, and will bring you within the bond of the covenant. I will purge out the rebels among you, and those who transgress against me; I will bring them out of the land where they reside as aliens, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord GOD: Go, serve your idols, every one of you now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols.

For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. As a pleasing odour I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. You shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your ancestors. There you shall remember your ways and all the deeds by which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways or corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, says the Lord GOD.

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,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his 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.