

Evening Prayer on Sunday, 27 September 2026 ***The Seventeenth 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 120

Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips.

1 When I was in trouble I called to the Lord; ♦

I called to the Lord and he answered me.

2 Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips ♦

and from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given to you? ♦

What more shall be done to you, deceitful tongue?

4 The sharp arrows of a warrior, ♦

tempered in burning coals!

5 Woe is me, that I must lodge in Meshech ♦

and dwell among the tents of Kedar.

6 My soul has dwelt too long ♦

with enemies of peace.

7 I am for making peace, ♦

but when I speak of it, they make ready for war.

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.

Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips.

Psalm 123

Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.

1 To you I lift up my eyes, ♦

to you that are enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, ♦

or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

- 3 So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, ♦
until he have mercy upon us.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, ♦
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 5 Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant, ♦
and of the contempt of the proud.

**Glorify 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.**

Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.

Psalm 124

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

- 1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side, ♦
now may Israel say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, ♦
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us alive ♦
when their anger burned against us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over our soul; ♦
over our soul would have swept the raging waters.
- 5 But blessed be the Lord ♦
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 6 Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler; ♦
the snare is broken and we are delivered.
- 7 Our help is in the name of the Lord, ♦
who has made heaven and earth.

**Glorify 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.**

Our help is in the name of 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.**

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

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the Israelites associated with it'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with it'; and join them together into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?' say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am about to take the stick of Joseph (which is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with it; and I will put the stick of Judah upon it, and make them one stick, in order that they may be one in my hand. When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God. My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes. They shall live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, in which your ancestors lived; they and their children and their children's children shall live there for ever; and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them for evermore. My dwelling-place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations shall know that I the LORD sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among them for evermore.

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.**

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

Prayers

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.