

¶ *Evening Prayer on Sunday, 9 August 2020* *The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Word of God

Psalm 86

1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, ◆
for I am poor and in misery.

**2 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; ◆
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.**

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; ◆
I call upon you all the day long.

**4 Gladden the soul of your servant, ◆
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, ◆
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

**6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer ◆
and listen to the voice of my supplication.**

7 In the day of my distress I will call upon you, ◆
for you will answer me.

**8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, ◆
nor any works like yours.**

9 All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, ◆
and shall glorify your name.

**10 For you are great and do wonderful things; ◆
you alone are God.**

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; ◆
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.

**12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, ♦
and glorify your name for evermore;**

13 For great is your steadfast love towards me, ♦
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

**14 O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life; ♦
they have not set you before their eyes.**

15 But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, ♦
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

**16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; ♦
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.**

17 Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; ♦
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

**All 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.**

Acts 14.8-20

8 In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. 9 He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. 11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. 14 When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, 15 "Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. 16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; 17 yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy." 18 Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them. 19 But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. 20 But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

All 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.

All 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

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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

All 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.

All Thanks be to God.