

¶ *Evening Prayer on Sunday, 12 September 2021* *The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

All Amen.

Hymn

The Word of God

*Psalm 119.73-88**

All: *I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right.*

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; ♦
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, ♦
because I have hoped in your word.

75 I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right, ♦
and that in very faithfulness you caused me to be troubled.

76 Let your faithful love be my comfort, ♦
according to your promise to your servant. *R*

77 Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live, ♦
for your law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; ♦
but I will meditate on your commandments.

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, ♦
even those who know your testimonies.

- 80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, ♦
that I may not be put to shame.
- 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? *R*
- 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.

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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Canticle

All **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.

All 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.

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 7.1-14

‘Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, “Let me take the speck out of your eye”, while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye. ‘Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! ‘In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Gospel Canticle 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 of the day is said

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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.

All 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

The Lord bless us and preserve from all evil and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.