**Morning Prayer on The First Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

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**Preparation**

In the name of the living God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

and in these last days you have spoken to us

in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us,

let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,

your Spirit ever renew our lives

and your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

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**The Word of God**

*Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18*

**Refrain:    Search me out, O God, and know my heart.**

1    O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;

you know my sitting down and my rising up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

2    You mark out my journeys and my resting place

and are acquainted with all my ways.

3    For there is not a word on my tongue,

but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4    You encompass me behind and before

and lay your hand upon me.

5    Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

so high that I cannot attain it.

**Refrain:    Search me out, O God, and know my heart.**

13  I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

14  My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was made in secret

and woven in the depths of the earth.

15  Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;  ♦

already in your book were all my members written,

16  As day by day they were fashioned

when as yet there was none of them.

17  How deep are your counsels to me, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

18  If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,

and at the end, I am still in your presence.

**Refrain:    Search me out, O God, and know my heart.**

Creator God,

may every breath we take be for your glory,

may every footstep show you as our way,

that, trusting in your presence in this world,

we may, beyond this life, still be with you

where you are alive and reign

for ever and 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.**

*First Reading:* 1 Samuel 3: 1-20

**3**The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

**2**One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. **3**The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. **4**Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” **5**And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

**6**Again the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

**7**Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

**8**A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. **9**So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**10**The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

**11**And the Lord said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. **12**At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. **13**For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. **14**Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, ‘The guilt of Eli’s house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.’”

**15**Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, **16**but Eli called him and said, “Samuel, my son.”

Samuel answered, “Here I am.”

**17**“What was it he said to you?” Eli asked. “Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you.” **18**So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, “He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes.”

**19**The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground. **20**And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: A Song of David

*All* **Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;**

**you are exalted as head over all.**

1Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,

for yours is the greatness, the power,

the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

2Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;

yours is the kingdom, O Lord,

and you are exalted as head over all.

3Riches and honour come from you,

and you rule over all.

*All* **Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;**

**you are exalted as head over all.**

4In your hand are power and might;

yours it is to give power and strength to all.

5And now we give you thanks, our God,

and praise your glorious name.

6For all things come from you,

and of your own have we given you.

*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.**

*All* **Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;**

**you are exalted as head over all.**

*1 Chronicles 29:10b-13, 14b*

*Second Reading:* Mark 2:23 – 3: 6

**Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath**

**23**One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. **24**The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

**25**He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? **26**In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

**27**Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. **28**So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

**3** Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. **2**Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. **3**Jesus said to the man with the shrivelled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

**4**Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

**5**He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. **6**Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

**Prayers**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,

and let us thank God for his goodness.

Lord, receive our praise

*All* **and hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles,

‘Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you’:

look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church

and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom.

Lord, receive our praise

*All* **and hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm

no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,

and no strength known but the strength of love:

so guide and inspire the work

of those who seek your kingdom

that all your people of every colour, race, class and creed

may find their security in that love which casts out fear

and in the fellowship of Christ our Saviour.

Lord, receive our praise

*All* **and hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and those who care for them.

Today we pray especially for …

Be close, we pray, to all who suffer.

Bring them hope and bring them healing

in the name of Christ our Saviour.

Lord, receive our praise

*All* **and hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving

those whom we love but see no longer.

Especially we give thanks today for the lives of …

We pray for their families and friends

and all who mourn.

Lord, receive our praise

*All* **and hear our prayer.**

*Collect*

Eternal Father,

we thank you for nourishing us

with these heavenly gifts:

may our communion strengthen us in the faith,

build us up in hope,

and make us grow in love;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;

the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;

the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us

and those whom we love and pray for

today and always.

*All* **Amen.**

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