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

Sunday 27th July 2025 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

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**Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

*All* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**



Everlasting God, our day begins with dawn,
 but our life truly begins when we receive Jesus into our hearts;
 for he with you and the Holy Spirit are our strength,
 our hope and our inspiration.
 And so we praise you for all the joys, the challenges
 and the blessings of life lived with you.
 **Amen.**

**A prayer of confession**

Faithful God, forgive us when we lose sight
of what really matters;
when we get sidetracked by the trivial and the trite,
the superficial and the shallow.
Forgive us, and draw us back to your Son Jesus Christ,
who embodies all that is truthful, vital and eternal.
**Amen.**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

Creator God, thank you for hearing our prayers
and for your reassurance that we matter to you.
You love us so much and long for us to be fully rooted in you,
to rely on you and to reflect your forgiveness, grace and
redeeming love to all the world.
**Amen.**

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples

with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

*All* **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading:Colossians 2: 6-19

**6**So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, **7**rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

**8**See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=colossians%202&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29503a)] of this world rather than on Christ.

**9**For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, **10**and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. **11**In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=colossians%202&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29506b)] was put off when you were circumcised by[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=colossians%202&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29506c)] Christ, **12**having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

**13**When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=colossians%202&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29508d)] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, **14**having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. **15**And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=colossians%202&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29510e)]

**16**Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. **17**These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. **18**Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. **19**They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*  **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 138

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
    before the “gods” I will sing your praise.
**2**I will bow down toward your holy temple
    and will praise your name
    for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
    that it surpasses your fame.
**3**When I called, you answered me;
    you greatly emboldened me.

**4**May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
    when they hear what you have decreed.
**5**May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
    for the glory of the Lord is great.

**6**Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
    though lofty, he sees them from afar.
**7**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
    you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
    with your right hand you save me.
**8**The Lord will vindicate me;
    your love, Lord, endures forever—
    do not abandon the works of your hands.

 **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.**

Second reading: Luke 11: 1-13

**11**One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

**2**He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“‘Father,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2011&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25408a)]
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2011&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25408b)]
**3**Give us each day our daily bread.
**4**Forgive us our sins,
    for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2011&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25410c)]
And lead us not into temptation.[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2011&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25410d)]’”

**5**Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; **6**a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ **7**And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ **8**I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2011&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25414e)] he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

**9**“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **10**For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

**11**“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2011&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25417f)] a fish, will give him a snake instead? **12**Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13**If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*  **Thanks be to God**

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

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**Intercessions**

Faithful God,
You created a beautiful world for us to enjoy and treasure
and you surround us with Earth’s gifts to sustain us
Though our planet is damaged by greed and our destructive choices
and the resources meant for everyone to share are exploited by a few;
your healing is seen in the small steps we make towards more equal sharing.
Forgive our short-term thinking and Inspire us in the work needed to renew the Earth
and fill us with gifts of compassion, bravery, joy and love for your world
as we seek to challenge the deep structural injustices
and build a fairer and more sustainable future.

We are hungry for hope
and so we call to you:
**All: Feed us with the bread of life.**

Faithful God,
Your forgiveness towards us is limitless
and though we often fail you, you give us strength to start again.
We pray for a world in which we hold on to the things that unite us
and where we seek the best for other people.
We pray for our communities to be places of radical inclusion,
where we look not on appearances but on the heart.
May we show the same loving kindness to others that you have shown to us.
May we be slow to judge other people and generous in our opinions of them.

We are hungry for hope
and so we call to you:
**All: Feed us with the bread of life.**

Faithful God,
Your generosity to us is endless
and you give us much more than we need or deserve.
We cry to you on behalf of all who do not know where their next meal is coming from;
we cry for victims of a massacre claimed to have been carried out by Syrian forces at a hospital in Suweida city;
we cry for the seemingly endless deaths of civilians, especially children, at food aid sites in Gaza and for the horror of people being killed there as they seek the essentials for survival.
We pray for urgency in ending this war;
we pray for Palestinians risking their lives daily just to find food;
we pray for strength to carry on for all aid workers and medical staff in Gaza
and for humanitarian aid to be swift and generous.
May there be justice for earth’s suffering and starving peoples.

We are hungry for hope
and so we call to you:
**All: Feed us with the bread of life.**

Faithful God,
Your love for us is unending
and you are with us every step of life’s journey.
Though we walk through life’s troubles
you give us the strength we need to face each day’s challenges.
We pray for all in our community who are suffering in body or mind
asking that you would surround them with your peace.
In the quiet we name to you the people we know who are in particular need today
and ask for courage and peace as they face illness or adversity. (prayer list)

We are hungry for hope
and so we call to you:
**All: Feed us with the bread of life.**

Faithful God
You restore us and give us rest.
As school terms end and holiday season begins,
we pray for relaxation, peace of mind and fun for teachers, parents and students
for time to think and to focus on what matters
and for new energy to face the challenges of life as summer moves towards autumn.

We are hungry for hope
and so we call to you:
**All: Feed us with the bread of life.**

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Creator God, you made us all in your image:

may we discern you in all that we see,

and serve you in all that we do;

through 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.**

What really matters?
It is you, Lord.
Throw out the rubbish,

be rooted in Jesus,

make him the centre!
**Amen.**

Blessing

The peace of God,

which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us always.

*All* **Amen.**

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**Steph update..**

Steph is now back home from hospital and going from strength to strength. Praise the Lord!

The family respectfully ask for no visitors at this time. Please keep Steph and her family in your prayers.

**What’s on ….**

**Bible Study**

The next Bible study will be on Monday 11 August at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe. We are looking at Paul’s letters to the Galatians.

**Exe Valley Community Lunches**

The next lunch is at North Esworthy Farm Oakford on August 14th from 12.30pm. Please let the church office know if you will be joining us and if you need transport.

**Prayer Chain**

The Exe Valley Mission Community are starting a telephone prayer chain. If you like to be included for prayer or know someone who would like to be included, please contact the church office on 07733949295. Only first initials will be used on the prayer chain to ensure total confidentiality.

**Contacting Church Office while Steph recovers from her surgery.**

Email: office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org

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