

SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER – Sunday 5 July 2026

WELCOME

O Lord, open our lips

(All) and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

(All) and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

OPENING HYMN: #173 Glorious things of Thee are spoken

CONFESSION

God our Father,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

(All) save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

(All) save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

(All) save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

(All) save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

(All) save us and help us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed be the Lord,
(All) who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
(All) and in our song will we praise our God.

PSALM 1:1-6 (NIVUK)

- ¹ **(All) Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither –
whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

**(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.**

JOHN 15:1-11 (NIVUK)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(All) Glory to you, O Lord.

The vine and the branches

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
(All) Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus) alternating verses

¹Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

²**(All) He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

³Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

⁴**(All) To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

⁵This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

⁶**(All) Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

⁷And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

⁸**(All) To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

⁹In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

¹⁰**(All) To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.** (Luke 1.68–79)

**(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.**

THE HOMILY – Paul Devos

THE APOSTLES’ CREED: This I believe (Hillsong)

Our Father everlasting
The all-creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one

I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered, was crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in Life Eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord (x2)

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response at the end of each prayer

(Ldr) Lord, in your mercy,

(All) hear our prayer.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

GRACE

**(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**

NOTICES

CLOSING OFFERTORY HYMN: #673 There is a Redeemer

THE COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING

All that we have
and all that we are
originate in God's generosity.
All things come from you, O Lord,
(All) and of your own do we give you. Amen.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.