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

Sunday 20th 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.**

Come worship the God made visible in Jesus.  
Come worship the one,  
who holds all things together.  
Come worship the one  
who is beginning and end.

Living God, give us eyes to see you  
in creation, in strangers, in another;  
give us ears to hear you in words, in music, in silence;  
give us voices to proclaim you in  
our homes, churches and communities;  
and give us lives to celebrate, serve and revere you  
in all places, at all times and among all people.  
**Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

The night has passed,

and the day lies open before us.

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

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**A prayer of confession**

Forgive us, compassionate God, when we fail to see you:  
in the faces of strangers; in the tears of the desperate;  
in the anxiety of the afraid; in the silence of the broken;  
in the fragility of creation; in one another or in ourselves.  
Forgive us and help us to encounter you afresh.  
**Amen.**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

God of wonder,  
though we don’t always see you, you always see us.  
Although our eyes aren’t always open  
to the ways of your kingdom, it is always open to us.  
Although we don’t always recognise you  
in our daily encounters, you are always there.  
Thank you for meeting us where we are,  
for your grace and forgiveness,  
and your life-giving Spirit, which fills us day by day.  
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading:Colossians 1: 15-28

**15**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16**For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18**And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19**For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20**and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**21**Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians%201&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29487g)] your evil behaviour. **22**But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— **23**if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

**24**Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. **25**I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— **26**the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. **27**To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

**28**He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. **29**To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*  **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 15

#### A psalm of David.

**1**Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
    Who may live on your holy mountain?

**2**The one whose walk is blameless,  
    who does what is righteous,  
    who speaks the truth from their heart;  
**3**whose tongue utters no slander,  
    who does no wrong to a neighbour,  
    and casts no slur on others;  
**4**who despises a vile person  
    but honours those who fear the Lord;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
    and does not change their mind;  
**5**who lends money to the poor without interest;  
    who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things  
    will never be shaken.

**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 10: 38-42

### At the Home of Martha and Mary

**38**As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. **39**She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. **40**But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

**41**“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, **42**but few things are needed—or indeed only one.[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2010&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25406f)] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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**

Loving God  
we come to place into your hands  
ourselves, our lives and our concerns for the world in which we live.

As our attention is divided and our world becomes increasingly rushed and noisy, and we feel the constant pressure to be doing more and more with fewer and fewer resources, we pray that we would find our still centre in you and that our actions would be rooted and grounded in your abundance.

Come close to us O God  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

As world leaders struggle to make and keep the peace and the suffering caused by wars seems unending, we pray that you would keep alive our hope in a better future for all the peoples of the earth,  
remembering particularly the efforts to build a just and lasting peace  
in the Middle East and between Russia and Ukraine.

Come close to us O God  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

As four areas of England move into drought following extreme heat  
and wildlife and crops are under threat, we pray for more careful stewardship of Earth’s precious water resources and for accountability where water is polluted by carelessness or choices driven by greed.

Come close to us O God  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

As people struggle with life’s challenges or are overwhelmed by trouble  
and some we know are ill or in hospital we pray for peace in body, mind and soul for all who are suffering and strength for those who care for them.  
(Today we remember in particular… prayer list)

Come close to us O God  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

As so many people are rootless and lonely in our communities and young and old seek a place to belong and to be heard we pray that our churches would be places of hospitality, where bread is broken and shared and friend and stranger find a welcome home.

Come close to us O God  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

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.**

Lord, life is busy.  
Help us this week to take some time  
to sit at your feet  
and truly see and hear from you.  
Be in our decision-making and in our thoughts.  
**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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**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 01884 250417. Only first initials will be used on the prayer chain to ensure total confidentiality.

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

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