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

Sunday 14th September 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.**

O Lord, open our lips

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

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
we offer you glory and honour,
for all things were created by you.
Come, let us worship the Lord,
our redeemer and sustainer.

Almighty God, your mercy and love know no bounds,
reaching from heaven to find us.
Lord Jesus, your compassion and grace know no bounds,
opening your arms to welcome us.
Holy Spirit, your comfort and counsel know no bounds,
enfolding us in the fullness of fellowship.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we worship and adore you.
**Amen.**

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

let us pray with one heart and mind.

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.**

### A prayer of confession

Lord, so many of us feel lost these days
but we are slow to admit that it is
because we have strayed far from you.
We feel shame that our lives are not what they should be,
and so often we miss the mark.
Yet you teach us, Lord, that if we are following your way,
then we are enough.
Today, we set our feet again on the path
that leads to love and life, not death and self-destruction.
And we know, loving Father, that you will welcome us,
for you are always seeking our return.
**Amen.**

 Assurance of forgiveness

Heavenly Father, who seeks us when we are lost,
whose heart is ever hopeful for our return,
whose arms are always open to welcome us back:
we thank you for your forgiveness;
your rejoicing when we are found;
your love, which makes us feel worthy after all.
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

12I thank him [*x*](https://www.esv.org/Ac9.22%3BPp4.13)who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he

judged me faithful, [*y*](https://www.esv.org/2Co3.6)appointing me to his service, 13though formerly I was a

blasphemer, [*z*](https://www.esv.org/Ac8.3)persecutor, and insolent opponent. But [*a*](https://www.esv.org/1Co7.25%3B2Co4.1)I received mercy [*b*](https://www.esv.org/Ac3.17)

because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14and [*c*](https://www.esv.org/Rm5.20)the grace of our Lord

overflowed for me with the [*d*](https://www.esv.org/Lk7.47%3BLk7.50%3B1Th1.3)faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15The

saying is [*e*](https://www.esv.org/1Tm3.1%3B1Tm4.9%3B2Tm2.11%3BTt3.8%3BRv22.6)trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus [*f*](https://www.esv.org/Mt9.13%3BJn3.17%3BRm4.25)

came into the world to save sinners, [*g*](https://www.esv.org/1Co15.9)of whom I am the foremost. 16But I

received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ

might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to

believe in him for eternal life. 17To [*h*](https://www.esv.org/Ps10.16%3BRv4.9-10)the King of the ages, [*i*](https://www.esv.org/1Tm6.15-16%3BRm1.23)immortal, [*j*](https://www.esv.org/Jn1.18%3BCs1.15%3BHb11.27%3B1J4.12)invisible, [*k*](https://www.esv.org/Jd25)the only God, [*l*](https://www.esv.org/1Ch29.11)be honour and glory forever and ever.[*4*](https://www.esv.org/1%2BTimothy%2B1/#f4-) Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 51: 1-10

1    Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;

according to the abundance of your compassion

    blot out my offences.

2    Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness

and cleanse me from my sin.

3    For I acknowledge my faults

and my sin is ever before me.

4    Against you only have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight,

5    So that you are justified in your sentence

and righteous in your judgement.

6    I have been wicked even from my birth,

a sinner when my mother conceived me.

7  Behold, you desire truth deep within me

and shall make me understand wisdom

    in the depths of my heart.

8    Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;

wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9    Make me hear of joy and gladness,

that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

10  Turn your face from my sins

and blot out all my misdeeds.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever.**

 **Amen.**

Second reading: Luke 15: 1-10

[1](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/read/eng/GNB/Luke/15/#LUK.15.1!x.1)One day when many tax collectors and other outcasts came to listen to Jesus, 2the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law started grumbling, “This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!” 3So Jesus told them this parable:

4“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them — what do you do? You leave the other 99 sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost until you find it. 5When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders 6and carry it back home. Then you call your friends and neighbours together and say to them, ‘I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!’ 7In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 respectable people who do not need to repent.

8“Or suppose a woman who has ten silver coins loses one of them — what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps her house, and looks carefully everywhere until she finds it. 9When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together, and says to them, ‘I am so happy I found the coin I lost. Let us celebrate!’ 10In the same way, I tell you, the angels of God rejoice over one sinner who repents.”

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**

Lord, we pray for all who are lost, that they may be found by you

Paul described himself as the worst sinner of all.
If God can change Paul’s life, he can change anyone’s.
Many people today feel lost, and many more don’t even realise how lost they are. We pray, Lord God, that we will recognize your loving and almighty power to reach out to all in need.

Lord, we pray for all who are lost,
**That they may be found by you.**

We pray for countries facing unrest, conflict, or disasters.
For those people who have risked all to flee danger.
We pray for our own nation during difficult times.
For our government as it wrestles with change and difficult decisions.

Lord, we pray for all who are lost,
**That they may be found by you.**

We pray for people you have considered worthy of your trust
and appointed to your service. They give up much for you.
We pray for the church worldwide:
So many expressions, so many traditions, but all trying to be faithful to you.
We pray for our clergy, not forgetting their families,
as they seek to live out your gospel, meeting people at their hour of need.

Lord, we pray for all who are lost,
**That they may be found by you.**

Lord God, we as humans are very good at putting a ‘value’ on other people.
And we aren’t always kind. We pray for the people with whom we interact each day.
Especially those who don’t think they are precious to anyone.
May they be found by you. And loved and cherished by us.

Lord, we pray for all who are lost,
**That they may be found by you.**

We remember the times we have felt lost,
and you found us, Lord.
As you were patient with Paul,
teach us to be patient whatever the situation.
Paul writes to Timothy to encourage him.
We think of people we may have lost touch with,
and hold them in our prayers.
Lord God, there is so much sadness in the world today, so much loss.
With you we can find our hope again.

Lord, we pray for all who are lost,
**That they may be found by you.**

We pray for those who are lost in illness.
That healing will find them, in whatever shape that is.
We pray for those who tread the path of sorrow,
mourning those they have loved and lost.
We pray for those who have died:
the famous and well loved and those who have died alone. (prayer list)

Lord, we pray for all who are lost,
**That they may be found by you.**

We bring our prayers together in celebration
that Jesus thinks that everyone is worth finding:

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Threw His loving arms around me,
Drew me back into His way.

Francis H. Rowley (1886)

 **Thank you, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 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 those whom we love,

and remain with us always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in the knowledge and confidence
of God’s love for you,
trusting that Christ Jesus is with you.
**Amen.**

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**What’s on ….**

**Steph’s Update**

Steph would like thank everyone for your continued messages and prayers. She will be speaking with the Diocesan Occupational Health to discuss a phased return to work.

**Exe Valley Community Lunch**

Our next lunch is on Thursday 11 September at Templeton Village Hall, 12.30pm. Please let the office know if you will be able to join us and if you need transport.

**Bible Study**

The next Bible study will be on Monday 29 September at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe. We are looking at Paul’s letters to the Galatians.

**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.**

Email: office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org

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