**Morning Prayer on Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 26th October 2025 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

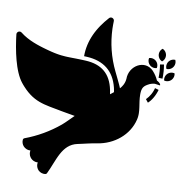
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**Preparation**

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.**

Loving God, who stands by us in all situations,  
we gather now to stand by you,  
joining in worship as your community of holiness  
in this place. Shoulder to shoulder,  
we embrace the faith you have given us to follow,  
sharing our sorrows, witnessing to the power  
of your Son, your Word and your Spirit  
to lift and sustain us when the world is against us.  
God of grace and love, we bow before 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

Dearest Lord, in this world, we rely heavily on  
the approval, validation and comfort of others.  
But sometimes we find ourselves in situations where  
it seems as if everyone has deserted us.  
We confess that, at such times, we often forget our faith;  
we don’t turn to you, the one who has promised  
to be with us always.  
Yet you are there, not in the shadows, not in the wings  
waiting for your cue to step in and play your part,  
but right there, by our side, just waiting for us to notice.  
So, Lord, we remind ourselves that we are never alone,  
never abandoned, and we commit ourselves to  
fighting the good fight to remain faithful,  
as you are ever faithful to us. **Amen.**

 Assurance of forgiveness

Father, you forgive us when our faith has been shaken  
and we are cast down by things beyond our control.  
You are there to comfort and restore us in every situation.  
You forgive us for forgetting this, and raise us up  
to fight again in faith, knowing that you are by our side.  
Your forgiveness rescues and redeems us from despair. **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8,16-18

**6**For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8**Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**16**At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. **17**But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. **18**The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 15

**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;

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

**Amen.**

Second reading: Luke 18: 9-14

**9**To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: **10**“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11**The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

**13**“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

**14**“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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**

Whatever we face and whatever we do, our Lord stands beside us.

In our weakness and fear as a nation, with insecurity and threat being in the news, Lord stand beside us.

In the targeting of certain groups and nationalities to promote views and attitudes that do not represent us and go against your teaching, Lord stand beside us.

In the worries we have about our communities as some face social unrest and a lack of integration, Lord stand beside us.

Whatever we face and whatever we do  
**Our Lord stands beside us.**

In the rejection that people feel if they are seeking help, trying to find safety and security, or looking for employment and a better future, Lord stand beside them.

In the desperation that people feel in the Middle East and Ukraine who have lost those close to them, or who look upon the desolate land that once contained their homes, Lord stand beside them.

Whatever we face and whatever we do  
**Our Lord stands beside us.**

In our church community that meets in your place to worship and learn and seeks guidance on how to share the good news of Jesus in our streets and neighbourhood, Lord stand beside us.

In our work to serve our community through children and youth work, support for older people and others in need, and helping those who have troubled lives, Lord stand beside us.

In the times when, like your people generations ago, we have ignored your guidance, failed to do your work, argued, lacked love and grace, and sinned in ways that harm others, Lord stand beside us.

Whatever we face and whatever we do  
**Our Lord stands beside us.**

In the times in their lives when our leaders face difficult and painful decisions, knowing that budgets only stretch so far and needs can’t always be met, Lord stand beside them.

In the times in the lives of those around us when sickness and pain take over, when they lose someone precious (Prayer list) Lord stand beside them.

In the times in our lives when we have nothing left, when we are tired and lacking in hope, when all we do seems to turn to dust and we could so easily give up, Lord stand beside us.

Lord, as you stood beside your people as they turned away from you, as you stood beside the disciples as they saw your Son crucified, as you stood beside the apostles in their suffering, and as you stand beside us your people in all situations, help us to know you're there and to rest in your holy presence.

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Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of 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 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. **Amen**

Go with God, encouraged by his presence.  
 Go and look for him in the joys and in the sorrows.  
 Go and share his love with others.  
 Go in the knowledge that he stands beside you.  
 Go in peace.  
 **Amen.**

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**What’s on ….**

**Exe Valley Community Lunch**

Our next lunch is on Thursday 13 November at Calverleigh Court, 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 3 November at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe. We are looking at Genesis 1-11.

**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.**

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