



*St Thomas of
Canterbury, the
Parish Church for
Brentwood*

**Vespers on the Eleventh
Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 31st August 2025

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour,
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless,

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him!

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Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!

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Praise with us the God of grace.

Psalm 109 (110)

*Christ the Lord is a priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek.
Alleluia.*

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right: your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Sion

your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains;

from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

'You are a priest for ever,

a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand

will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside

and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

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Alleluia.*

Psalm 113B (115)

Our God is in heaven; he has power to do whatever he will. Alleluia.

Not to us, Lord, not to us,
but to your name give the glory
for the sake of your love and your truth,
lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?'

But our God is in the heavens;
he does whatever he wills.
Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

They have mouths but they cannot speak;
they have eyes but they cannot see;
they have ears but they cannot hear;
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

With their hands they cannot feel;
with their feet they cannot walk.
(No sound comes from their throats.)
Their makers will come to be like them
and so will all who trust in them.

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

He remembers us, and he will bless us;
he will bless the sons of Israel.
(He will bless the sons of Aaron.)

The Lord will bless those who fear him,
the little no less than the great:
to you may the Lord grant increase,
to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
The heavens belong to the Lord
but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord,
nor those who go down into the silence.
But we who live bless the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

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was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

Our God is in heaven; he has power to do whatever he will. Alleluia.

Canticle

(Apocalypse 19)

Praise God, all you his servants, both great and small. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
his judgements are true and just.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, small and great.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns,
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

Alleluia.

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The marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.

Alleluia.

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end. Amen.

Praise God, all you his servants, both great and small. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

We feel that we must be continually thanking God for you, brothers whom the Lord loves, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved by the sanctifying Spirit and by faith in the truth. Through the Good News that we brought he called you to this so that you should share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Short Responsory

Great is our Lord; great is his might.

– *Great is our Lord; great is his might.*

His wisdom can never be measured.

– *Great is our Lord; great is his might.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

– *Great is our Lord; great is his might.*

*When you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;
that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate,
because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise
again.*

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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Prayers and intercessions

Through the gospel, the Lord Jesus calls us to share in his glory. Let us make our prayer with him to our heavenly Father.

– *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for all nations: that they may seek the way that leads to peace, that human rights and freedom may be everywhere respected, and that the world's resources may be generously shared.

– *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for the Church: that her leaders may be faithful ministers of your word, that all her members may be strong in faith and hope and that you may be recognized in the love she bears to all.

– *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for our families, and the community in which we live: that we may find you in them. – *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for ourselves: that in the coming week we may serve others in our work, and find peace when we rest.

– *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for the faithful departed: that through your mercy they may rest in peace. – *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Father of might and power,
every good and perfect gift
comes down to us from you.

Implant in our hearts the love of your name,
increase our zeal for your service,
nourish what is good in us
and tend it with watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

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S Alve Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-
cé-do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamámus, éxsu-
les, fí-li- i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rámus, geméntes et flen-
tes in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta
nostra, illos tu-os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu-los ad nos con-
vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu- i,
no-bis post hoc exsí-li-um osténde. O cle- mens:
O pi- a: O dulcis Virgo Ma-rí- a.

