



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

Vespers on the Eighth
Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 10th August 2025

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Introduction

○ 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

**In the beginning God created heaven,
The dark and empty earth;
His Spirit moved across the sombre waters
And stirred them with his breath.**

**Then God created light, and with its coming
The dark was swept away;
The morning came, and then the quiet evening:
The end of God's first day.**

**To God the Father of the world give glory,
With Christ his only Son,
Who with the Spirit govern all creation:
Blest Trinity in One.**

Psalm 109 (110)

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right.' 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.**

**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.**

The Lord’s revelation to my Master: ‘Sit on my right.’ Alleluia.

Psalm 110 (111)

***The Lord is full of merciful love: he makes us remember his wonders.
Alleluia.***

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord,
to be pondered by all who love them.

**Majestic and glorious his work,
his justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love.**

He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.

**His works are justice and truth,
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever;
they are made in uprightness and truth.**

He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name, to be feared.

**To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom;
all who do so prove themselves wise.
His praise shall last for ever!**

**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.**

*The Lord is full of merciful love: he makes us remember his wonders.
Alleluia.*

(Apocalypse 19)

*The Lord **our God Almighty is king, 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.

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

**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.**

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time.

Short Responsory

Blessed are you, O Lord, in the vault of heaven.

– ***Blessed are you, O Lord, in the vault of heaven.***

You are exalted and glorified above all else for ever.

– ***Blessed are you, O Lord, in the vault of heaven.***

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

– ***Blessed are you, O Lord, in the vault of heaven.***

Canticle

Magnificat

See ***that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit.***

✠ **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.**

**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.**

See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit.

Prayers and intercessions

God is ever creative. His love renews all things and is the source of our hope.

Let us turn to him in confidence:

– Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

We give thanks for the order of created things:

you have blessed us with the resources of the earth and the gift of human
life.

– Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

We give thanks for man's share in your continuing work of creation:

we praise you for your gifts to him of inventive skill and creative vision.

– Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

We pray for all the nations of the world:

may those in authority work for peace and goodwill among men.

– Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

We pray for all who are homeless today: we pray for families searching for a
place to live, and for refugees driven from their homeland.

– Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

Life was your first gift to us:

may those who have died come to its fullness in you.

– **Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.**

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.

Almighty, ever-living God,

we confidently call you Father as well as Lord.

Renew your Spirit in our hearts:

make us ever more perfectly your children,

so that we may enter upon the inheritance you have promised us.

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 clamá-mus, éxsu-
les, fí-li- i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, 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.