

# The Benefice of Chew Valley East

## Morning Prayer for Sunday 27 July 2025, The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

*If you wish to join in the service, then the words in **bold** are to be said together.  
Please join in with the Psalms and Canticles by reciting each one in its entirety.*

### Preparation

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day you have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

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. **Amen.**

### The Word of God

#### Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness; ♦  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

<sup>3</sup>In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦  
you put new strength in my soul.

<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ♦  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand will save me.

<sup>8</sup>The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

**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.**

### **First Reading: Colossians 2:6-15**

Brothers and sisters, <sup>6</sup>as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

## **Canticle**

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦  
for yours is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

<sup>2</sup>Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦  
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.

<sup>3</sup>Riches and honour come from you ♦  
and you rule over all.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are power and might; ♦  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

<sup>5</sup>And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦  
and praise your glorious name.

<sup>6</sup>For all things come from you, ♦  
and of your own have we given you.

*1 Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b*

**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.**

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

## **Second Reading: Luke 11: 1-13**

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ <sup>2</sup>He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though

he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

## **Responsory**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

**And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

*from Colossians 3*

## **Gospel Canticle: Benedictus**

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.

<sup>2</sup>He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.

<sup>3</sup>Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

<sup>4</sup>To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.

<sup>5</sup>This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

<sup>6</sup>Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

<sup>7</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

<sup>8</sup>To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

<sup>9</sup>In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

<sup>10</sup>To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1.68-79

**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.**

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

## **Intercessions**

*To the words:*                      Your kingdom come:  
*Please respond:*                **your will be done.**

*‘Father, may your name be hallowed; your kingdom come.’*

We know you, Father, as ‘God of Justice’,  
and so we pray for those who are unjustly treated, for . . .

we know you as ‘God of Mercy’,  
and so we pray for compassion for the needy, for . . .

we know you as ‘God of Love’,  
and so we pray for peace where there is conflict, for . . .

You are our God: we are your people.

May we hallow your name with our lips and our lives.

Your kingdom come:        **your will be done.**

*‘Give us each day our daily bread.’*

We pray for those who do not have enough to eat today . . .  
asking that they may be fed.

We pray for those hungry for love and friendship,  
for forgiveness, peace, or a sense of purpose;  
asking that they may be fed.

We pray that we might be given the daily spiritual food  
that we need in order to meet the needs of other people.

Your kingdom come:        **your will be done.**

*‘And forgive us our sins, for we too forgive all who have done us wrong.’*

We pray for those who have hurt us . . .

asking that we might absorb that hurt and not return it.

We pray for relationships where there is discord.

We pray for the church, that we may be made one.

Your kingdom come: **your will be done.**

*‘And do not put us to the test.’*

We pray for those going through trying times:

those who are ill, or anxious, for . . .

those who have been bereaved, for . . .

those facing big challenges, for . . .

asking that they, and we, may receive from you

strength and guidance, comfort and hope.

Your kingdom come: your will be done.

We make our prayers in obedience to Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Collect**

Creator God,

you made us all in your image:

may we discern you in all that we see,

and serve you in all that we do;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## **Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,

and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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