

The Benefice of Chew Valley East

Morning Prayer for Sunday 2 November 2025, All Saints' Day

*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.

Your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
ruler and judge of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing away
may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy
surround our steps as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your face
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.
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 149

¹Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; ♦
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

²Let Israel rejoice in their maker; ♦
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

³Let them praise his name in the dance; ♦
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.

⁴For the Lord has pleasure in his people ♦
and adorns the poor with salvation.

⁵Let the faithful be joyful in glory; ♦
let them rejoice in their ranks,

⁶With the praises of God in their mouths ♦
and a two-edged sword in their hands;

⁷To execute vengeance on the nations ♦
and punishment on the peoples;

⁸To bind their kings in chains ♦
and their nobles with fetters of iron;

⁹To execute on them the judgement decreed; ♦
such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia.

**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: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Canticle

**God makes righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.**

¹I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, ♦
my soul shall exult in my God;

²Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation, ♦
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,

³As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, ♦
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

⁴For as the earth puts forth her blossom, ♦
and as seeds in the garden spring up,

⁵So shall God make righteousness and praise ♦
blossom before all the nations.

⁶For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, ♦
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

⁷Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn, ♦
and her salvation as a burning torch.

⁸The nations shall see your deliverance, ♦
and all rulers shall see your glory;

⁹Then you shall be called by a new name ♦
which the mouth of God will give.

¹⁰You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, ♦
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 61.10, 11; 62.1-3

**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.**

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blossom before all the nations.**

Second Reading: Luke 6:20-31

²⁰Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Responsory

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

The heavens bear witness to your wonders;

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

The assembly of your saints proclaims your truth;

my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

from Psalm 89

Gospel Cantic: Benedictus

The righteous will shine like the sun in the highest heavens.

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

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

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

⁴To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁰To 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.**

The righteous will shine like the sun in the highest heavens.

Intercessions

To the words:

Your kingdom come.

Please respond:

Your will be done.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us make our prayer in the power of the Spirit,
looking to Jesus the pioneer of our faith.

That with the noble fellowship of the prophets
we may discern the signs of your kingdom in our midst,
we pray to you, O Lord: Your kingdom come. **Your will be done.**

That with the glorious company of the apostles
we may proclaim your gospel throughout the world,
we pray to you, O Lord: Your kingdom come. **Your will be done.**

That with the white-robed army of martyrs
we may be ready to suffer for the truth's sake,
we pray to you, O Lord: Your kingdom come. **Your will be done.**

That with all who are anointed by your Spirit
we may bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed,
we pray to you, O Lord: Your kingdom come. **Your will be done.**

That with the saints in light
we may bind up the broken-hearted and comfort all who mourn,
we pray to you, O Lord: Your kingdom come. **Your will be done.**

That within the whole company of Christ's pilgrim people
we may come to the inheritance of the saints in glory,
we pray to you, O Lord: Your kingdom come. **Your will be done.**

In communion with all the saints,
let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.**

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Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

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