

The Benefice of Chew Valley East

Morning Prayer for Sunday 9 November 2025, Third Sunday Before Advent (Remembrance)

*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 17:1-9

¹Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; ♦
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

²Let my vindication come forth from your presence; ♦
let your eyes behold what is right.

³Weigh my heart, examine me by night, ♦
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

⁴My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; ♦
I have heeded the words of your lips.

⁵My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; ♦
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.

⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; ♦
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.

⁷Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, ♦
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

⁸Keep me as the apple of your eye; ♦
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

⁹From the wicked who assault me, ♦
from my enemies who surround me to take away my life.

**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: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Canticle

I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

¹‘I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦
the Creator of Israel, your King.’

²Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦
a path in the mighty waters,

³‘Remember not the former things, ♦
nor consider the things of old.

⁴‘Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

⁵‘I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert, ♦
to give drink to my chosen people,

⁶‘The people whom I formed for myself, ♦
that they might declare my praise.’

Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21

**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.**

I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Second Reading: Luke 20:27-38

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, ²⁸‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.’

³⁴Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the

resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.’

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 Canticle: Benedictus

**You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

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.**

**You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

Intercessions

To the words:

In your love and mercy:

Please respond:

hear our prayer.

God of the living, of renewal and change,
we pray for those who long for change:
for the victims of injustice; warfare; poverty;
for . . .

for those enduring illness; anxiety; sorrow;
for . . .

and for those dissatisfied with their lives and with themselves,
who long to be shaken up, made new, reborn as your children.
We pray for those who long for change.

In your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of the living, of renewal and change,
we pray for those beset by change:
for those threatened by the breakdown of their community;
traditional values; long-held beliefs;
for . . .

for those facing bereavement; redundancy; divorce;
for . . .

and for those without financial, emotional or spiritual security,
who long for inner peace, for the gift of faith.

We pray for those beset by change.

In your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In the name of our eternal Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
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

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.

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