

The Benefice of Chew Valley East

Morning Prayer for Sunday 31 May 2026, Trinity Sunday

*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 8

¹O Lord our governor, ♦
how glorious is your name in all the world!

²Your majesty above the heavens is praised ♦
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

³You have founded a stronghold against your foes, ♦
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

⁴When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ♦
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

⁵What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; ♦
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

⁶You have made them little lower than the angels ♦
and crown them with glory and honour.

⁷You have given them dominion over the works of your hands ♦
and put all things under their feet,

⁸All sheep and oxen, ♦
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea ♦
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰O Lord our governor, ♦
how glorious is your name in all the world!

**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 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Canticle

**You sent forth your Spirit, O God,
and you continue to show mercy to all.**

¹I will sing a new song to my God, ♦
for you are great and glorious,
truly strong and invincible.

²May your whole creation serve you, ♦
for you spoke and all things came to be.

³You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed, ♦
for no one can resist your voice.

⁴Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths; ♦
at your presence rocks shall melt like wax.

⁵But to those who fear you, ♦
you continue to show mercy.

⁶No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, ♦
but whoever fears the Lord
shall stand in your sight for ever.

Judith 16.13-16

**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 sent forth your Spirit, O God,
and you continue to show mercy to all.**

Second Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

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 Cantic: Benedictus

**Holy, holy, holy, is the God of hosts;
who was, and who is, and who is to come.**

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.**

**Holy, holy, holy, is the God of hosts;
who was, and who is, and who is to come.**

Intercessions

To the words: In your love and mercy:
Please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, creation was conceived by you,
brought to birth by you
and is continually sustained by your parental love;
in gratitude we pray for the world:
that its beauty and variety may be treasured
and its riches and resources used responsibly and fairly;
that its rulers and leaders may seek your guidance and govern with justice,
wisdom and compassion;
that humankind may acknowledge all that unites us
and strive to show one another respect and understanding;
that the wonders of creation and human love
may lead us to seek and to know you, living God.
In your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Saviour God,
in Christ you came to seek and to save the lost,
to offer us new life and make us one with you;
in gratitude we pray for all humankind in its need:
for those who are lost in poverty and hunger,
their lives a dehumanizing struggle for existence;
for those who are lost in warfare or conflict,
their lives in the constant shadow of death;
for those who are lost in sickness or sorrow,
their lives eaten up by anger, regret or despair;
for those who are lost in self-destructive sin,
their lives shallow, empty, short on love.
In your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you breath life and power into God's people,
uniting them in love and praise;
in gratitude we pray for the church:
asking that you will pour your many gifts upon us,
gifts of prophecy, healing, teaching, speaking,
of faith, service, guidance and understanding.
We pray for our church here in . . .
that you will equip us to fulfill our calling.
And we pray especially for . . .
that they may know your presence with them.
In your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In the name of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, **Amen.**

Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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.**

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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