

The Benefice of Chew Valley East

Morning Prayer for Sunday 2 August 2026, The Ninth 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 145:8-9, 15-22

⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦
long-suffering and of great goodness.

⁹The Lord is loving to everyone ♦
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

¹⁴The Lord is sure in all his words ♦
and faithful in all his deeds.

¹⁵The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷You open wide your hand ♦
and fill all things living with plenty.

¹⁸The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦
and loving in all his works.

¹⁹The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦
to all who call upon him faithfully.

²⁰He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦
he hears their cry and saves them.

²¹The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦
but all the wicked shall he destroy.

²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

**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: Isaiah 55:1-5

The LORD says this:

¹Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Canticle

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

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

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

³Riches and honour come from you ♦
and you rule over all.

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

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

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

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b

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as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Second Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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.**

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

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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: God of strength, grace and love:

Please respond: **bless them!**

God of strength, touch our lives and bless us.

God of grace, touch our lives and bless us.

God of love, touch our lives and bless us.

God of strength, we pray that you will bless
those whose lives are spent in struggle:
those who stand up and speak out against injustice;
those struggling physically, mentally or by illness;
those living in poverty, or beyond their means;
those angry with you, with others, or with themselves.

Silence

God of strength, grace and love: **bless them!**

God of grace, we pray that you will bless
those whose lives are diminished by feelings of hunger:
those who are the victims of famine or warfare;
those driven by a selfish desire for power or wealth;
those who long for human companionship;
those, spiritually unsatisfied, who are looking for you.

Silence

God of strength, grace and love: **bless them!**

God of love, we pray that you will bless
those whose lives have been given to you:
those starting out on their Christian pilgrimage;
those who are struggling, those who feel unfed;
those we know who are sick or sorrowful, for . . .

We thank you for those through whom
you have touched our lives and blessed us
and remember before you those who have died.

Silence

God of strength, grace and love: **bless them!**

God of strength, touch our lives and bless us.
God of grace, touch our lives and bless us.
God of love, touch our lives and bless us.
In the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in 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.

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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