

Morning Prayer for Sunday 1 November 2026, 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.

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

Psalms 34:1-10

¹I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

²My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦
let the humble hear and be glad.

³O magnify the Lord with me; ♦
let us exalt his name together.

⁴I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Look upon him and be radiant ♦
and your faces shall not be ashamed.

⁶This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦
and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦
and delivers them.

⁸O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

⁹Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ♦
for those who fear him lack nothing.

¹⁰Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ♦
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

**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: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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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Second Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before 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

**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

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Intercessions

To the words: Father, by your Spirit
Please respond: **bring in your kingdom.**

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind,
freedom to the captives and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name.
Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.
Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love.
Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.
Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people.
Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Lord of the Church,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in mind and heart
to serve you in Christ our Lord. 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.**

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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