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Morning Prayer for Sunday 8 November 2026, Remembrance 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, 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 70

[1]O God, make speed to save me; ♦
O Lord, make haste to help me.

[2]Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion; ♦
let them be turned back and disgraced
who wish me evil.

[3]Let those who mock and deride me ♦
turn back because of their shame.

[4]But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; ♦
let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord.'

[5]As for me, I am poor and needy; ♦
come to me quickly, O God.

[6]You are my help and my deliverer; ♦
O Lord, do not delay.

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 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13]We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16]For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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.'

[2]Thus 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: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: [1]'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." [7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." [9]But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." [10]And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." [12]But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[10]To 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: May God give peace
Please respond: **God give peace.**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
May God give peace **God give peace.**

for those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;
May God give peace **God give peace.**

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;
May God give peace **God give peace.**

for civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;
May God give peace **God give peace.**

for peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;
May God give peace **God give peace.**

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.
May God give peace **God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above
the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for
those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever. **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

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.