

30/08/26 Morning Prayer First Reading Ecclesiasticus 11.7–28

Do not find fault before you investigate;
examine first, and then criticize.

Do not answer before you listen,
and do not interrupt when another is speaking.

Do not argue about a matter that does not concern you,
and do not sit with sinners when they judge a case.

My child, do not busy yourself with many matters;
if you multiply activities, you will not be held blameless.

If you pursue, you will not overtake,
and by fleeing you will not escape.

There are those who work and struggle and hurry,
but are so much the more in want.

There are others who are slow and need help,
who lack strength and abound in poverty;
but the eyes of the Lord look kindly upon them;
he lifts them out of their lowly condition
and raises up their heads
to the amazement of many.

Good things and bad, life and death,
poverty and wealth, come from the Lord.

The Lord's gift remains with the devout,
and his favour brings lasting success.

One becomes rich through diligence and self-denial,
and the reward allotted to him is this:

when he says, 'I have found rest,
and now I shall feast on my goods!'
he does not know how long it will be
until he leaves them to others and dies.

Stand by your agreement and attend to it,
and grow old in your work.

Do not wonder at the works of a sinner,
but trust in the Lord and keep at your job;

for it is easy in the sight of the Lord
to make the poor rich suddenly, in an instant.
The blessing of the Lord is the reward of the pious,
and quickly God causes his blessing to flourish.
Do not say, 'What do I need,
and what further benefit can be mine?'
Do not say, 'I have enough,
and what harm can come to me now?'
In the day of prosperity, adversity is forgotten,
and in the day of adversity, prosperity is not remembered.
For it is easy for the Lord on the day of death
to reward individuals according to their conduct.
An hour's misery makes one forget past delights,
and at the close of one's life one's deeds are revealed.
Call no one happy before his death;
by how he ends, a person becomes known.

30/08/26 Morning Prayer Second Reading Revelation 3.14–end

I heard a loud voice saying, ‘To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation:

‘I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.” You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.’

Hymn and Psalm for Morning Prayer on 30th August 2026

Hymn

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.

Repeated x2

Psalm 107.1-32

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, ♦
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, ♦
those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered out of the lands
from the east and from the west, ♦
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some went astray in desert wastes ♦
and found no path to a city to dwell in.
- 5 Hungry and thirsty, ♦
their soul was fainting within them.
- 6 So they cried to the Lord in their trouble ♦
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He set their feet on the right way ♦
till they came to a city to dwell in.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness ♦
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the longing soul ♦
and fills the hungry soul with good.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, ♦
bound fast in misery and iron,
- 11 For they had rebelled against the words of God ♦
and despised the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 So he bowed down their heart with heaviness; ♦
they stumbled and there was none to help them.
- 13 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, ♦
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 14 He brought them out of darkness and out of the shadow of death, ♦
and broke their bonds asunder.

- 15 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness ♦
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 16 For he has broken the doors of bronze ♦
and breaks the bars of iron in pieces.
- 17 Some were foolish and took a rebellious way, ♦
and were plagued because of their wrongdoing.
- 18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food ♦
and drew near to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, ♦
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them, ♦
and saved them from destruction.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness ♦
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving ♦
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.
- 23 Those who go down to the sea in ships ♦
and ply their trade in great waters,
- 24 These have seen the works of the Lord ♦
and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 For at his word the stormy wind arose ♦
and lifted up the waves of the sea.
- 26 They were carried up to the heavens
and down again to the deep; ♦
their soul melted away in their peril.
- 27 They reeled and staggered like a drunkard ♦
and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, ♦
and he brought them out of their distress.
- 29 He made the storm be still ♦
and the waves of the sea were calmed.
- 30 Then were they glad because they were at rest, ♦
and he brought them to the haven they desired.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness ♦
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people ♦
and praise him in the council of the elders..

Glory to...