

Hymn and Psalm for Morning Prayer on 16th August 2026
Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hymn

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near
Repeated x3

Psalms 98, 138, 147.1-12

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦
for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm ♦
have won for him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation; ♦
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel, ♦
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ♦
break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ♦
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn ♦
sound praises before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, ♦
the world and all that dwell upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands ♦
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world ♦
and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦

- before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; ♦ for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦ you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦ for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦ that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦ as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ♦ you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦ your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Psalm 147

- 1 Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, ♦ how joyful to honour him with praise.
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem ♦ and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted ♦ and binds up all their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars ♦ and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; ♦ his wisdom is beyond all telling.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the poor, ♦ but casts down the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; ♦ make music to our God upon the lyre;
- 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds ♦ and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains ♦

and green plants to serve our needs.

10 He gives the beasts their food ♦

and the young ravens when they cry.

11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse, ♦

no delight in human strength;

12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him, ♦

who put their trust in his steadfast love..

Glory to...

16/08/26 Morning Prayer First Reading Isaiah 7.10–15

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

16/08/26 Morning Prayer Second Reading Luke 11.27, 28

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!’ But he said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!’