

Hymn and Psalm for Morning Prayer on 23rd August 2026

Hymn

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Repeated x3

Psalm 104.1–25

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, ♦
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 You spread out the heavens like a curtain ♦
and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.
- 4 You make the clouds your chariot ♦
and ride on the wings of the wind.
- 5 You make the winds your messengers ♦
and flames of fire your servants.
- 6 You laid the foundations of the earth, ♦
that it never should move at any time.
- 7 You covered it with the deep like a garment; ♦
the waters stood high above the hills.
- 8 At your rebuke they fled; ♦
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 9 They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys beneath, ♦
to the place which you had appointed for them.
- 10 You have set them their bounds that they should not pass, ♦
nor turn again to cover the earth.
- 11 You send the springs into the brooks, ♦
which run among the hills.
- 12 They give drink to every beast of the field, ♦
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 13 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests ♦
and sing among the branches.
- 14 You water the hills from your dwelling on high; ♦
the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
- 15 You make grass to grow for the cattle ♦
and plants to meet our needs,
- 16 Bringing forth food from the earth ♦

- and wine to gladden our hearts,
17 Oil to give us a cheerful countenance ♦
and bread to strengthen our hearts.
18 The trees of the Lord are full of sap, ♦
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
19 In which the birds build their nests, ♦
while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.
20 The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats ♦
and the stony cliffs for the conies.
21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, ♦
and the sun knows the time for its setting.
22 You make darkness that it may be night, ♦
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
23 The lions roar for their prey ♦
and seek their food from God.
24 The sun rises and they are gone ♦
to lay themselves down in their dens.
25 People go forth to their work ♦
and to their labour until the evening.

Glory to...

23/08/26 Morning Prayer First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3.17–29

My child, perform your tasks with humility;
then you will be loved by those whom God accepts.
The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself;
so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.
For great is the might of the Lord;
but by the humble he is glorified.
Neither seek what is too difficult for you,
nor investigate what is beyond your power.
Reflect upon what you have been commanded,
for what is hidden is not your concern.
Do not meddle in matters that are beyond you,
for more than you can understand has been shown to you.
For their conceit has led many astray,
and wrong opinion has impaired their judgement.
Without eyes there is no light;
without knowledge there is no wisdom.
A stubborn mind will fare badly at the end,
and whoever loves danger will perish in it.
A stubborn mind will be burdened by troubles,
and the sinner adds sin to sins.
When calamity befalls the proud, there is no healing,
for an evil plant has taken root in him.
The mind of the intelligent appreciates proverbs,
and an attentive ear is the desire of the wise.

23/08/26 Morning Prayer Second Reading Revelation I

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, ‘Write in a book what you see and

send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.