



Hymn and Psalm for Morning Prayer on 27th September 2026

Hymn

Wait for the Lord, whose day is
near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take
heart!

Repeated x3

Psalm 125, 126, 127

Psalm 125

1 Those who trust in the Lord are
like Mount Zion, ♦ which cannot be
moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 As the hills stand about
Jerusalem, ♦ so the Lord stands
round about his people, from this
time forth for evermore.

3 The sceptre of wickedness shall
not hold sway over the land allotted
to the righteous, ♦ lest the
righteous turn their hands to evil.

4 Do good, O Lord, to those who
are good, ♦ and to those who are
true of heart.

5 Those who turn aside to crooked
ways the Lord shall take away with
the evildoers; ♦ but let there be
peace upon Israel.

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the
fortunes of Zion, ♦ then were we
like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with
laughter ♦ and our tongue with
songs of joy.

3 Then said they among the
nations, ♦ ‘The Lord has done great
things for them.’

4 The Lord has indeed done great
things for us, ♦ and therefore we
rejoiced.

5 Restore again our fortunes, O
Lord, ♦ as the river beds of the
desert.

6 Those who sow in tears ♦
shall reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed, ♦ will come back
with shouts of joy, bearing their
sheaves with them.

Psalm 127

1 Unless the Lord builds the
house, ♦ those who build it labour
in vain.

2 Unless the Lord keeps the city, ♦
the guard keeps watch in vain.

3 It is in vain that you hasten to rise
up early and go so late to rest,
eating the bread of toil, ♦ for he
gives his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the
Lord ♦ and the fruit of the womb is
his gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a
warrior, ♦ so are the children of
one's youth.

6 Happy are those who have their
quiver full of them: ♦ they shall not
be put to shame when they dispute
with their enemies in the gate..

Glory to...

27/9 Morning Prayer First Reading Isaiah 48.12-21

Listen to me, O Jacob,
and Israel, whom I called:

I am He; I am the first,
and I am the last.

My hand laid the foundation of the earth,
and my right hand spread out the heavens;
when I summon them,
they stand at attention.

Assemble, all of you, and hear!

Who among them has declared these things?

The Lord loves him;

he shall perform his purpose on Babylon,
and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans.

I, even I, have spoken and called him,

I have brought him, and he will prosper in his way.

Draw near to me, hear this!

From the beginning I have not spoken in secret,
from the time it came to be I have been there.

And now the Lord God has sent me and his spirit.

Thus says the Lord,

your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

I am the Lord your God,

who teaches you for your own good,
who leads you in the way you should go.

O that you had paid attention to my commandments!

Then your prosperity would have been like a river,
and your success like the waves of the sea;

your offspring would have been like the sand,
and your descendants like its grains;

their name would never be cut off
or destroyed from before me.

Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea,

declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it,

send it forth to the end of the earth;

say, 'The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob!'

They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts;

he made water flow for them from the rock;

he split open the rock and the water gushed out.

27/9 Morning Prayer Second Reading Luke 11.37–end

While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, ‘Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you.

‘But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practised, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honour in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the market-places. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.’

One of the lawyers answered him, ‘Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too.’ And he said, ‘Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, “I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute”, so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.’

When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile towards him and to cross-examine him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.