

Hymn and Psalm for Morning Prayer on 25th October 2026

Hymn

○ Lord, hear my prayer, ○ Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
○ Lord, hear my prayer, ○ Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

Repeated x2

Psalm 119.137–152

137 Righteous are you, O Lord, ♦ and true are your judgements.

138 You have ordered your decrees in righteousness ♦ and in great faithfulness.

139 My indignation destroys me, ♦ because my adversaries forget your word.

140 Your word has been tried to the uttermost ♦ and so your servant loves it.

141 I am small and of no reputation, ♦ yet do I not forget your commandments.

142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness ♦ and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me, ♦ yet my delight is in your commandments.

144 The righteousness of your testimonies is everlasting; ♦ O grant me understanding and I shall live.

145 I call with my whole heart; ♦ answer me, O Lord, that I may keep your statutes.

146 To you I call, O save me! ♦ And I shall keep your testimonies.

147 Early in the morning I cry to you, ♦ for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open before the night watches, ♦
that I may meditate on your word.

149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love; ♦
according to your judgement, give me life.

150 They draw near that in malice persecute me, ♦
who are far from your law.

151 You, O Lord, are near at hand, ♦
and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known of your testimonies, ♦
that you have founded them for ever..

Glory to...

25/10 Morning Prayer First Reading Isaiah 59.9–20

Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us;
we wait for light, and lo! there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in
gloom.

We grope like the blind along a wall, groping like those who have no eyes;
we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among the vigorous as though we were
dead.

We all growl like bears; like doves we moan mournfully.

We wait for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us.

For our transgressions before you are many, and our sins testify against us.

Our transgressions indeed are with us, and we know our iniquities:
transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning away from following our God,
talking oppression and revolt, conceiving lying words and uttering them from
the heart.

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands at a distance;
for truth stumbles in the public square, and uprightness cannot enter.
Truth is lacking, and whoever turns from evil is despoiled.

The Lord saw it, and it displeased him
that there was no justice.

He saw that there was no one,
and was appalled that there was no one to intervene;
so his own arm brought him victory,
and his righteousness upheld him.

He put on righteousness like a breastplate,
and a helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
and wrapped himself in fury as in a mantle.

According to their deeds, so will he repay;
wrath to his adversaries, requital to his enemies;
to the coastlands he will render requital.

So those in the west shall fear the name of the Lord,
and those in the east, his glory;

for he will come like a pent-up stream
that the wind of the Lord drives on.

And he will come to Zion as Redeemer,
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, says the Lord.

25/10 Morning Prayer Second Reading Luke 14.1–14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?' But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, 'If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?' And they could not reply to this.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

25/10 Morning Prayer Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen