



Morning Prayer in Advent

Please find a seat and make yourself comfortable.

Welcome

Lead O Lord, open our lips

All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Lead Reveal among us the light of your presence

All **that we may behold your power and glory.**

Lead Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be praise and glory for ever.

In your tender compassion the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.

As we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Lead The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Lead As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Psalm

A Psalm is said.

Stand at the end to say:

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Please sit for a reading from the Old Testament as appointed for the day.

Canticle - A Song of the Wilderness

Isaiah 35.1,2b-4a,4c-6,10

- All* Lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings.
- 1* The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.
- 2* They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
- 3* Strengthen the weary hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
- 4* Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not, your God is coming with judgement,
coming with judgement to save you.'
- 5* Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6* Then shall the lame leap like a hart,
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.
- 7* For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
- 8* The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing,
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
- 9* Joy and gladness shall be theirs,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Stand to say:

- All* Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings.

New Testament Reading

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Responses

from Romans 13

- Lead* Now it is time to awake out of sleep,
All **for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**
- Lead* Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,
All **for the night is far spent.**
- Lead* Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light,
All **for the day is at hand.**
- Lead* Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh,
All **for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

Gospel Canticle

Please stand for the Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79)

All Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, *until 16 December*
and see the glory that is coming from God.

from the 17 December

All Like the sun in the morning sky, the Saviour of the world will dawn;
like rain upon the meadows, the Christ will come down upon us.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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The Prayers

Please sit or kneel for the prayers. The following response may be used:

Lord in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

The Collect

A collect for the day may be used.

The Lord's Prayer

Lead Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

Lead May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.
All **Amen.**

Lead Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining us for this service of Morning Prayer

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