

Advent Morning Prayer

20th – 24th December 2022

Preparation

O Lord open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence

All that we may behold your power and glory.

A Song of the King's Glory

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

² For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

³ 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

⁴ 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

⁵ 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸ 'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

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be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ 'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Psalm 24

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.

This opening prayer may be said

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

Silence is kept.

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.

The Word of God - Psalms, Old Testament and New Testament readings

See the Appendix

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow the Scripture Readings

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,

All for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,

All for the night is far spent.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,

All for the day is at hand.

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,

All for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

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.

From Romans 13

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Luke 1.68-79

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Prayers

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These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us

All hear our prayer.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

This Collect for the Collect of the day is said

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

24 December - Christmas Eve

Almighty God,
as we prepare with joy
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
embrace the earth with your glory
and be for us a living hope
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Christmas Morning Prayer

From 25th December

Preparation

O Lord open our lips

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You laid the foundation of the earth

All and the heavens are the work of your hands.

A Song of the Bride

¹ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord
my soul shall exult in my God;

² Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,

³ As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

⁴ For as the earth puts forth her blossom,
and as seeds in the garden spring up,

⁵ So shall God make righteousness and praise
blossom before all the nations.

⁶ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

⁷ Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

⁸ The nations shall see your deliverance,
and all rulers shall see your glory;

⁹ Then you shall be called by a new name
which the mouth of God will give.

¹⁰ You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 61.10,11; 62.1-3

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The Word of life which was from the beginning

All we proclaim to you.

The darkness is passing away
and the true light is already shining;

All the Word of life which was from the beginning.

That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes,
and touched with our hands,

All we proclaim to you.

For our fellowship is with the Father,
and with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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we proclaim to you.

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The Collect of the day is said

From 25 December - Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

All Amen.

From 27 December

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

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hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
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Appendix Bible Readings

Tuesday 20th December

Psalms 46, 95 Isaiah 54 2 Peter 1:16-2:3

Wednesday 21st December

Psalms 121, 122, 123 Isaiah 55 2 Peter 2:4-end

Thursday 22nd December

Ps 124, 125, 126, 127 Isaiah 56:1-8 2 Peter 3

Friday 23rd December

Ps 128, 129, 130, 131 Isaiah 63:1-6 2 John

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Psalms 45, 113 Isaiah 58 3 John

Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day

Psalms 110, 117 Isaiah 62:1-5 Matthew 1:18-end

Monday 26th December – Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

Psalms 13, 31:1-8, 150 Jeremiah 26:12-15 Acts 6

Tuesday 27th December – John, Apostle and Evangelist

Psalms 21, 147:13-end Exodus 33:12-end 1 John 2:1-11

Wednesday 28th December – The Holy Innocents

Psalms 36, 146 Genesis 37:13-20 Matthew 18:1-10

Thursday 29th December

Psalms 19, 20 Isaiah 57:15-end John 1:1-18

Friday 30th December

Psalms 111, 112, 113 Isaiah 59:1-15a John 1:19-28

Saturday 31st December

Psalm 102 Isaiah 59:15b-end John 1:29-34

Sunday 1st January – the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Psalms 103, 150 Genesis 17:1-13 Romans 2:17-end

Monday 2nd January

Psalm 18:1-30 Isaiah 60:1-12 John 1:35-42