

Advent Morning Prayer

23rd – 24th December 2025

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.'

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates;
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

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
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Prayers

Intercessions are offered for the world and its needs, the Church, and for ourselves.

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 or the Collect of the day is said

See the Appendix

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

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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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Appendix

Bible Readings

Tuesday 23rd December

Ps 128, 129, 130, 131 Malachi 2:1-16 Matthew 19:13-15

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Psalms 45, 113 Malachi 2:17-3:12 Matthew 19:16-end

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

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

Friday 26th December – Stephen, Deacon, first Martyr

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

Saturday 27th December – John, Apostle & Evangelist

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

Sunday 28th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas, The Holy Innocents

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

Monday 29th December

Psalms 19, 20 Jonah 1 Colossians 1:1-14

Tuesday 30th December

Psalms 111, 112, 113 Jonah 2 Colossians 1:15-23

Wednesday 31st December

Psalms 102 Jonah 3-2 Colossians 1:24-2:7

Thursday 1st January – Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

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

Friday 2nd January

Psalms 18:1-30 Ruth 1 Colossians 2:8-end

Saturday 3rd January

Psalms 127, 128, 131 Ruth 2 Colossians 3:1-11

Sunday 4th January – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Psalms 87 Jeremiah 31:15-17 2 Corinthians 1:3-12

Monday 5th January

Psalms 8, 48 Ruth 4:1-17 Colossians 4:2-end

The Collect of the day is said

23rd December:

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way
of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

24th 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.

25th 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.

26th December, Stephen, deacon, first martyr:

Gracious Father,
who gave the first martyr Stephen
grace to pray for those who took up stones
against him:
grant that in all our sufferings for the truth
we may learn to love even our enemies
and to seek forgiveness for those who desire
our hurt,
looking up to heaven to him who was crucified
for us,
Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

27th December, John, Apostle and Evangelist:

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of
everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

28th December, The Holy Innocents:

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
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29th – 30th December:

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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.

29th 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.

Thursday 1st January:

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above every name:
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

From 2nd January:

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eternal unity of perfect love:
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and draw us into your holy life
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