

Morning Prayer for Advent



Gathering

An informal welcome is given.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we may behold your power and glory.

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.
Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 25

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust.**

Do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

**Do not let those who wait for you be put to
shame; let them be ashamed who try to
deceive others.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you
are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all
day long.**

**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.**

Reading from Scripture

This may be followed by a brief reflection.

Response

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

**The wilderness and the dry land shall
rejoice, the desert shall blossom and burst
into song. They shall see the glory of the
Lord, the majesty of our God.**

Strengthen the weary hands, and make firm
the feeble knees. Say to the anxious, 'Be
strong, fear not, your God is coming with
judgement, coming with judgement to save
you.'

**Then shall the eyes of the blind be
opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
Then shall the lame leap like a hart, and the
tongue of the dumb sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the
wilderness, and streams in the desert;
The ransomed of the Lord shall return with
singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads.

**Joy and gladness shall be theirs,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**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.**

A Time of Prayer

Please take a moment to hold before God the people and things on your heart today.

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 forever.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**At the heart
of Christmas**

