

Tuesday Morning Prayer for the Season of Advent

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LEADER: In hope, in longing:

In forgiveness, and in community:

ALL: We're glad to come together

LEADER: In many moods, in many shapes:

In many sizes and many colours:

ALL: We're glad to come together

LEADER: In peace, in joy: In trust, in loveliness:

ALL: We're glad to come together

LEADER: In solidarity with those who struggle:

ALL: We're glad to come together

LEADER: In resistance to those who dominate:

ALL: We're glad to come together

LEADER: In memory of Jesus, who lived with compassion:

In memory of all who act with courage:

ALL: We're glad to come together

LEADER: In assurance that we belong here,

in the presence of Mercy Unbounded:

ALL: We're glad to come together.

LEADER:

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
in these days of shadow and of hope

Let it be our duty and delight

to listen to the story of our faith,

And hear again the prophets' of blessing and doom.

And, as we prepare to celebrate again

the birth of Jesus Christ as a baby,

Let us remember that he also comes

to judge the just and the unjust,

And to establish the reign of equity and peace

(Anglican Church of Canada -Liturgy - Texts)

HYMN (*Follow along with the words*)

Advent First Morning Prayer

On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry. No. 103 vs. 1,2,5

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;

Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within.

Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth our people free,
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Advent second Morning Prayer

Hail to the Lord's Anointed. No. 101. vs. 1,2,4

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever: that name to us is Love.

Advent third Morning Prayer

Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near. (sing 3 times)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Advent fourth Morning Prayer

People, Look East! The Time Is Near no. 91 vs 1,2,5

People, look east! The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad! Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Advent fifth Morning Prayer

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus no. 88 vs 1,3,4

Come, the long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever: now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Advent sixth Morning Prayer no. 89 vs 1,6,7

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Dayspring from on high and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

CONFESSION

LEADER: The grace-filled shadows of Advent offer us the opportunity to explore our human complexities through the lens of God's saving love. Trusting in God's promises let us confess our sins:

ALL: Jesus, forgive our sins.

**Forgive the sins we can remember
and the sins we have forgotten.**

**Forgive the wrongs we have done
and the good we have failed to do.**

**Forgive the times when we have been weak
in the face of temptation,**

**And those when we have been stubborn
in the face of correction.**

**Forgive the times when we have been overly proud,
and those when we have failed to boast of your works.**

**Forgive the harsh judgements we have made,
And the undue leniency we have shown.**

Forgive the lies we have told and the truths we have avoided.

**Forgive us the pain we have caused,
and the over-indulgence we have practiced.**

Jesus have mercy on us, and make us whole.

LEADER: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us close, pardon and cleanse us from all our sins,

Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and show us the glory of the Word made flesh,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LEADER:

As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us reflect on the time of our rebellion
(Genesis 3)

Respond to the call to prepare the way of the Lord. (Isaiah 40)

Rejoice in the promise that all, from the greatest to the least, will come to know our
God. (Jeremiah 31)

Join with the prophet as he calls out to God to rend the heavens and come
down. (Isaiah 64)

Listen as Isaiah is called to be God's messenger to the people. (Micah 6)

Find hope in the promise that the blind will see, the deaf hear, the lame dance, and
the silent burst into song. (Isaiah 35)

Respond to the invitation to put on the robe of righteousness as we anticipate the
joy which is coming to us. (Baruch 5)

PSALM

GOSPEL: *(Alleluia before and after)*

(Share reflections)

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

**ALL: Our God is the God of all humans,
the God of heaven and earth,
the God of seas and rivers,
the God of sun and moon,
the God of all heavenly bodies,
the God of the lofty mountains,
the God of the lowly valleys.
God is above all the heavens;
and beneath the heavens.
Heaven and earth and sea,
and everything in them,
such God has an abode.
God inspires all things,
gives life to all things,
stands above all things,
and stands beneath all things.**

**God enlightens the light of the sun,
Strengthens the light of the night and the stars,
Makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,
and places the stars in the service of the greater lights.
And there is the Son who is co-eternal with God,
and similar in all respects
neither is the Son younger nor older;
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are inseparable. Amen.**

PRAYERS

LEADER: Creating God,
You call us to live in harmony with nature, one another, and with you. Now fix our eyes upon the one in whom your purpose for the world has been revealed, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

LEADER: God our hope, hear again the cry of exiles, imprisoned in a dark land of war, hunger, and intolerance.

Come among us with strength and healing and bring us back to the world of your just and holy purpose. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

LEADER: God of new beginnings, write your law within our hearts that we may love as freely as we think and breathe, and serve as naturally as children play. Make us heralds of your new creation, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

I invite any prayers of thanksgiving or intercession.

THE PEACE: Luke 1-78,79

“Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

**ALL: Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,**

**From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days -
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the
mercy, forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

(Parker J. Palmer)

SENDING

ALL: God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us. God of hope who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us. God of hope who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us. God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time.

(JohnBirch, 2016)

LEADER: Let us bless the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace in believing ,
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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