

# ***Advent Morning Prayer***

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.

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.

## ***Psalmody***

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**All** Glory to you, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

## ***Gospel Canticle***

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

*From Advent Sunday until 16 December:*

*Refrain:*

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

*From 17 December until Christmas Eve:*

*Refrain:*

**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 God's people and set them free.
- 2 God has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of God's servant David.
- 3 Through the 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 God's 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 God without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in God's 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 the 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.

*Luke 1.68-79*

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### ***Scripture Reading***

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.*

*The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.*

*Time for shared reflections.*

### ***Responsory***

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.

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*

Prayers

*Intercessions are offered*

*The Collect of the day or the following is said*

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.

**All Amen.**

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

**All Our Father in heaven ...**

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

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Alternate Canticle*

*A Song of Baruch*

*Refrain:*

**All Lead us, O God, with joy**

**to walk in the light of glory.**

- 1 Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height: ♦  
look to the east and see your children,
- 2 Gathered from the west and the east ♦  
at the word of the Holy One.
- 3 They rejoice that God has remembered them ♦  
and has brought them back to you.
- 4 For God has ordered that every high mountain ♦  
and the everlasting hills be made low,
- 5 And the valleys filled up to make level ground ♦  
so that they may walk safely in the glory of God.
- 6 The woods and every fragrant tree ♦  
have shaded them at God's command.
- 7 For God will lead his people with joy  
in the light of his glory ♦  
with the mercy and righteousness that comes from God.

*Baruch 5.5,6c,7-9*

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