

Lockdown Morning Prayer
Advent

Preparation

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

All 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.
All **Blessed by God forever.**

A hymn is played.

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 appropriate candle on the Advent Wreath is lit and a suitable prayer said.

The Word of God

The appointed psalm is said.
The psalm ends with
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.

First Reading

The reading ends

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

All **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.

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.

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

Second Reading

The reading ends

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

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.

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.**

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

Responsory

Benedictus

Intercessions

Intercessions are offered

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Collect and Lord's Prayer

The Collect of the day is said

The Lord's Prayer is said

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

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

(or)

Awaiting his coming in glory,
 let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

A hymn is played.

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.**

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