

Monday Morning Prayer

Advent 2021

Bell x 3

GATHERING

Sing to God, hymn to God,

Speak of all God's wonders.

Revel in God's Holy name.

Let the hearts of the Lord's seekers rejoice.

Inquire of the Lord and Their strength,

Seek God's presence always.¹

SILENCE

Breath Prayer 5x

Inhale: *The promise is coming.*

Exhale: *I do not have to wait alone.*²

OPENING POEM

November 29 - [Mary](#) by Padraig Daly

December 6 - [The Patience of Ordinary Things](#) by Pat Schneider

December 13 - [Mimesis](#) by Fady Joudah

December 20 - [Prayer at Winter Solstice](#) by Dana Gioia

December 27 - [Rachel](#) by Rev. Garnaas-Holmes

PENITENCE

"Remove far from me falsehood and lying;

give me neither poverty nor riches;

feed me with the food that I need,

or I shall be full, and deny you, and say, "Who is the Lord?"

or I shall be poor, and steal, and profane the name of my God."

Proverbs 30:8-9 NRSV

God of all mercy, over and over again in scripture we hear your dream for a beautiful world. We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation. We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness. We hear your dream for community and hope. We want your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes. We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tighter, eyes shut to the realities of the world.

Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest of nights. Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world. With hope we pray, Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.³

¹ Ps. 105:2-4 Robert Alter version

² From Cole Arther Riley, [@blackliturgies](#)

³ Adapted from the Anglican Church of Canada Daily Prayer and has elements from a Sanctified Art.

THE WORD

Psalm of the Day chanted or spoken. We pause for a breath at the *

At the conclusion: ***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.***

The Gospel (an acclamation may be sung before after)

Silence

Shared reflections - Following the silence, a time of sharing around how we are called by God's Spirit through the ancient words of scripture, poetry or prayer...

OUR PRAYERS | *Aloud or in silence, let us share our prayers of gratitude & concern*

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us...*

SENDING

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;
be like those who are waiting for their master
to return from the wedding banquet,
so that they may open the door for him
as soon as he comes and knocks."⁴

Indeed, our Lord says, "I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Let us go in Peace.
The Christ is coming.
Thanks be to God.

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⁴ Luke 12:35-36