

Lectio Morning Prayer for Advent: Wednesday

*Commemoration of a feast / saint.
We gather in silence / Bell x3*

Opening Sentences *(choose one or more to be read aloud)*

Look up and raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:3)

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all the world shall see it together. (Isaiah 40:5)
Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight, and all the world shall see the salvation of God. (Luke 3:4, 6)

Restore us again O God: show us the light of your face and we shall be saved. (Psalm 80:3)

Gathering Words

The advent of God is near.

New light dawning where we have wandered in the shadows.

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New hope reigning where there has been death and despair.

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New life for all Creation, groaning under sickness and dis-ease.

The advent of God is near.

New light, new hope, new life for all creation.

Silent pause for lighting of a candle or candles

A Poem or Hymn or Song may be read or played

The Appointed Psalm

Ending with... 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!

Lectio Divina on the Gospel

Sung acclamation before (and, if desired, after) the Gospel readings:

O make a way! o-pen wide the gates. O make a way! — through the sor row and the pain. — O make a way!

— though the road is dark and wind - ing. O — come, come! —

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and rests. Chord symbols (F, Dm, Bb) are placed above the staff. The second staff continues the melody, with chord symbols (Dm, Bb, F, C/E, Dm, Bb, C, F) placed above it. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words underlined and some followed by dashes indicating a pause or a long note.

1. First Reading...

you are invited to listen for a word that resonates within you.

Silent reflection. Bell.

Invitation to share your word.

2. Second Reading...

you are invited to listen for a phrase or image from the Spirit.

Silent reflection. Bell.

Invitation to share your phrase or image.

3. Third Reading....

you are invited to listen for an action God may be calling you to.

Silent reflection Bell.

Invitation to share your/our call to action or being.

Intercessions

You are invited to add your own prayers of gratitude, intercession of confession, inviting God to come in all the places we experience need.

Collect

A Collect / collecting prayer may be read.

Lord's Prayer

We now offer the prayer of Jesus, the Lord's Prayer, in a language or translation of our choosing, saying together:

Our Father....

Sending

Calm us to wait for the gift of Christ; Cleanse us to prepare the way for Christ; Teach us to contemplate the wonder of Christ; Touch us to know the presence of Christ; Anoint us to bear the life of Christ.

Come to us Emmanuel

we live in hope of your return

to bring new life to this world

to end all wars and heal all hearts and to reign forevermore. AMEN.

[chanted] Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bell x 3