

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:

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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 followed by a twenty minute silence.

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

Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray
All Our Father (Parent) 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.

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