

Tuesday Morning Prayer | Celtic Advent 2025

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Gathering:

In this Advent of expectation and anticipation we draw near to the light of Christ. Let the Light of Christ shine **in all the dark places of our hearts,** in all the dark alleys of our cities, **in all the dark rejected places deep within us,** in all the dank cold of our estrangements, **in all the blindness of our foolishness,** in all the darkness where murder is plotted, **in all the dark caves where missiles lurk.** **Come O Christ, with your light, for your world needs you now.**

Let us pray: Precious Jesus, we are yours. In this time of slumber, awaken us. In this time of darkness, shine your light upon us. In the dreariness of our lives, shine the light of your countenance upon us that we may take courage and trust in your promises. Open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, our hearts to respond to you in love. **Amen.**

Confession:

You move us to delight in praising You; for You have made us for Yourself, **And our hearts are restless until they rest in You.** (St. Augustine)

Dear friends, not out of dread or fear but believing that God is bountiful in mercy, let us confess our sins, ridding ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

In silence let us confess our faults and admit our frailty.

The God of love and life forgive us – the God of love and life claim us – the God of love and life sustain us as we walk in the way of Emmanuel, God with Us. **Amen.**

The Psalm:

... at the end of the Psalm: **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 Acclamation

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Gospel:

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Our Intercessions:

In joyful expectation let us pray to our Redeemer, saying "Lord Jesus, come soon."
O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live. **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

○ Lord, head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush: come with outstretched arm and ransom us. **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

○ Branch of Jesse, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more. **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

○ Key of David, sceptre of Israel's house, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison. **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

○ Morning Star, splendour of eternal light and Sun of righteousness: come enlighten all who dwell in the shadow of death. **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

○ King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: come and save the creatures you fashioned from clay. **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

○ Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God. **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

We offer our prayers before God and one another...

The Lord's Prayer:

Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker, Source of all that is and shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The Hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your Justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom sustain our hope and come on earth!

With the bread that we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing | Sending

We take the light of Christ with us into the world

To pray for those unable to pray, to offer ourselves as answers to prayer.

We take the light of Christ with us into the world:

To come alongside those who are suffering anguish of heart, anguish of mind...

We take the light of Christ with us into the world:

God's power made perfect in powerlessness, strength made known in weakness, life made known amidst suffering and even death...

Let us Bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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