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# ADVENT MORNING PRAYER



Restore us, O Creator of the stars of night;  
**show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**  
Will you not give us life again,  
**so that your people may rejoice in you?**  
Show us your mercy, O God,  
**and grant us your salvation.**  
Blessed is the Christ who comes in your name!  
**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

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, so that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## *List of Readings*

*Advent 1 – Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36*

*Advent 2 – Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 19; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6*

*Advent 3 – Zephaniah 3:14-20; Canticle 3; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18*

*Advent 4 – Micah 5:2-4; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55*

### *Psalm*

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

### *First Reading*

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,  
**for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,  
**for the night is far spent.**

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light,  
**for the day is at hand.**

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh,  
**for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

### *Second Reading*

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

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 mute 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.**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for. Amen.**

#### *Gospel Reading*

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:

**Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

In joyful expectation let us pray to God, our Saviour and Redeemer.

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.**

O Head of the house of Israel, you appeared in the fire of the burning bush and you  
gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

**Lord Jesus, come soon.**

O Branch of Jesse standing as a sign among the nations, all rulers 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.**

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

O Morning Star, bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations: come and save us, O Anointed One.  
**Lord Jesus, come soon.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember*

- *the church, that we may be ready for the coming of Christ;*
- *the leaders of the church;*
- *the nations, that they may seek peace and reconciliation;*
- *those who are working for justice in the world and*
- *the broken, that they may find God's healing.*

*Advent 1 – God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, so that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvellous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming of your Christ and stand without blame before him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Advent 2 – God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming your Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Advent 3 – Merciful God, your word, spoken by the prophets, restores your people's life and hope. Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace, so that we*

may hold fast to your great goodness and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world, through your Christ who comes among us. Amen.

*Advent 4* – O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Saviour. Make our hearts leap with joy and fill our mouths with songs of praise, so that we may announce glad tidings of peace and welcome the Christ in our midst. Amen.

Awaiting his coming in glory and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May Christ, when he comes, find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**