

Friday Morning Prayer during Advent

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SILENCE

O Lord open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

OPENING PRAYER

God of hope, who brought love into this world,

be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world,

be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world,

be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon,

be the centre, the focus of our lives

always, and particularly this Advent time.

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HYMN (sung 1x)

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.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

READINGS

Reading of the daily Psalm

Ending with: **Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation (sung before and after reading)

Prepare the way of the Lord!

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Make a straight path for him, make a straight path, prepare the way of the Lord!

Gospel Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Reading of Advent Reflection

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SHARING

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (a paraphrase)

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that 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 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 forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

We prepare now for the birth of a baby in a stable in Bethlehem and remind ourselves that this child will become the Savior of the World. We know he will return again in power and glory to draw all of his children together with songs of everlasting praise.

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Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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