

Morning Prayer in Advent

Preparation

Minister Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
All **Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Minister Will you not give us life again,
All **That your people may rejoice in you?**

Minister Show us your mercy, O Lord,
All **And grant us your salvation.**

Minister Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
All **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Minister 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,
 that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
 Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

This opening prayer may be said

Minister The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
 let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Minister 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.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm(s) of the Day is said.

At the end of the Psalm(s), the following may be said.

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

An appointed Reading from Scripture is read. After a period of silent reflection, the following is said.

Minister Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
All **Thanks be to God**

Hear, O Israel

All **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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Intercessions are offered

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray
All **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.

THE CONCLUSION

Minister May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**