

Morning Prayer in Advent on Sunday

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence

That we may behold your power and glory.

Invitation to Confession:

O king enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory; holy is your name, Lord God Almighty.

In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Absolution:

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be praise and glory forever. In your tender compassion the dawn from on high is breaking upon us to dispel the lingering shadows of the 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 Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

HYMN

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.

Amen.

The appointed psalm is said.

At the end:

All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading(s)

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel

Sermon/Reflection

Gospel Canticle (The Benedictus - Song of Zechariah)

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the glory that is coming from God.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his 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 his 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 him without fear, holy and righteous in his 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 his 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

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the glory that is coming from God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Prayers

These or other responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

The Lord's Prayer is said:

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. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours now and for ever.**

Amen.

Blessing or Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love
of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be
with us all evermore. Amen.

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

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Exeunt Music