

An Order for MORNING PRAYER in Advent

Hymn

The Introduction

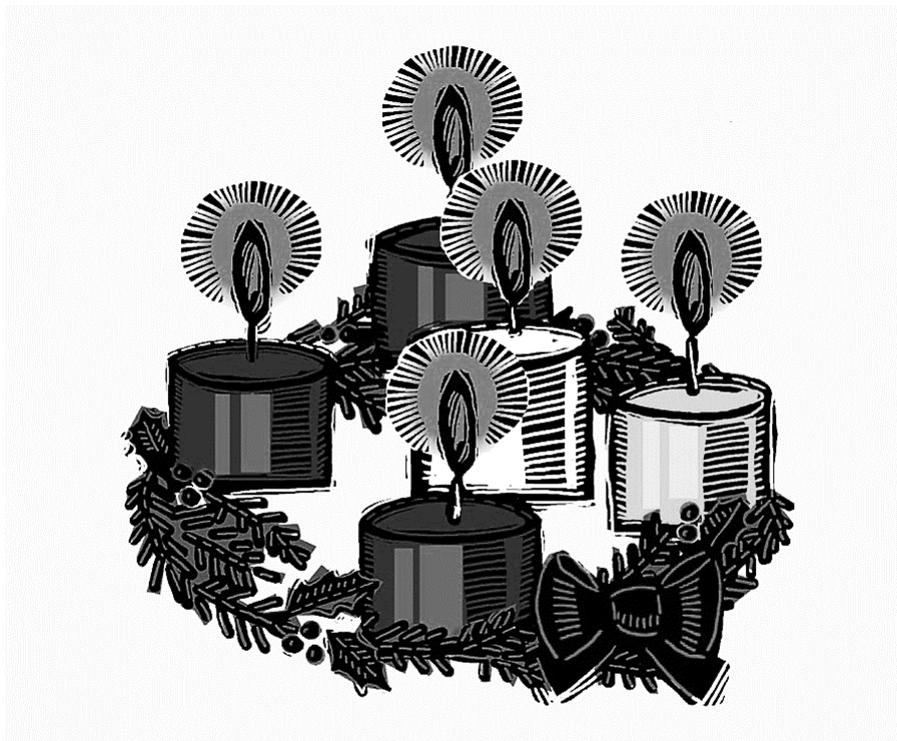
O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence.
that we may behold your power and glory.

You are blessed, Sovereign God, Lord of all!
In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high breaks upon us,
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.
As we look for your coming among us,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice to give you praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

[The text can be found on the weekly sheet]



The Act of Penitence

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

Either

Early in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You speak in my heart and say 'Seek my face'; your face, Lord, will I seek.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

[The collect and readings for the day can be found on the weekly sheet]

Let us pray...

The Collect of the Day

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

The Psalm

The Second Reading

The Gospel

Or

Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart; and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.

We are truly sorry. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to amend our lives; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Homily

The Creed [*The Apostles' or Baptismal Creed may be used.*]

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died
and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Do you believe in God the Father, the
Creator of all?

**I believe and trust in God the
Father.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son
Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world?

**I believe and trust in God the
Son.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy
Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life?

**I believe and trust in his Holy
Spirit, who gives life to the people
of God.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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The Prayers of the Church

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding with:

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from heaven will break upon us, to shine on those who live in darkness, under the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine on you and scatter the darkness from before you, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

The clergy team continue to meet for morning prayer each day.
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clergy team.

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