

MORNING PRAYER
ADVENT 2016

OPENING VERSE **Please Stand**

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Sign of the Cross) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

HYMN **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

O come, o come Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,
To you shall come Emmanuel.**

O come now, Wisdom from on high
Who orders all things mightily.
To us, the path of knowledge show
And teach us in Her ways to go. **Refrain.**

O Royal Branch of Jesse's Tree
Redeem us from all tyranny;
From pain of hell your people free
And over death win victory. **Refrain.**

PSALMODY **Please Sit**

Antiphon 1: **Psalm 84 (85)**

Leader: *Lord, let us see your kindness. Alleluia.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

**All: Lord, let us see your kindness.
Alleluia.**

Silence

Antiphon 2 **Psalm 24 (25)**

Leader: *Lord, guide me in your truth, Alleluia.*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
I trust you, let me not be disappointed;
Do not let my enemies triumph.
Those who hope in you shall not be
disappointed,
But only those who wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways,
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
For you are God my saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love,
For those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere
him;
To them he reveals his covenant.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

All: Lord, guide me in your truth, Alleluia.

Silence

SHORT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

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In silence we ponder and pray on God's Word

SHORT RESPONSORY

(OR TAIZÉ CHANT, I.E. 'Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord and all people shall see the salvation of God')

Leader: The Glory of the Lord will shine on you, Jerusalem. Like the sun he will rise over you.

All: The Glory of the Lord will shine on you, Jerusalem. Like the sun he will rise over you.

Leader: Sing to him a new song.

All: The Glory of the Lord will shine on you, Jerusalem. Like the sun he will rise over you.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Glory of the Lord will shine on you, Jerusalem. Like the sun he will rise over you.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Please Stand

To the air of 'The King of Love My Shepherd is'

Antiphon:

Benedictus

Leader: *I will wait for the Lord who saves me. I will hope in him, for he is coming, alleluia.*

Now bless the God of Israel (*Sign of the Cross*),
who comes in love and pow'r,
who raises from the royal house
deliv'rance in this hour.

Through holy prophets God has sworn
to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand
of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant,
God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness
and peace from year to year.

And you, my child, shall go before
to preach to prophesy,
that all may know the tender love,
the grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send
the dayspring from on high,
our rising sun, the light of life
for those who sit and sigh.

God comes to guide our way to peace
that death shall reign no more,
sing praises to the Holy One!
O worship and adore!

All: I will wait for the Lord who saves me. I will hope in him, for he is coming, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

R. Come, Lord Jesus!

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Give us the grace, Lord,
to be ever on the watch for Christ,
your Son.

When he comes and knocks at our door,
let him find us alert in prayer
joyfully proclaiming his glory.

We make our prayer through Christ our
Lord. **All: Amen.**

CONCLUDING VERSE

Leader: The Lord bless us, (*Sign of the Cross*) and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **All: Amen**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
 The mountain of the temple of the Lord
 Shall tower above the mountains
 And be lifted higher than the hills.
 All the nations will stream to it,
 people's without number will come to it; and they will say:
 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
 to the temple of the God of Jacob
 that he may teach us his ways
 so that we may walk in his paths;
 since the Law will go out from Zion
 and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
 and adjudicate between many peoples;
 these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
 their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
 there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
 let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

As we take up again our daily work, we turn to Christ and ask for his blessing. **R: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Christ, you are the Daystar, powerfully dispelling our darkness; - awaken our faith from sleep. **R. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Reveal your presence in the world – through the lives of Christian men and women. **R. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Come to create a new world, - where justice and peace may find a home. **R. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Throw down the walls of hatred between nations; - clear the way for those who work for peace. **R. Come, Lord Jesus!**