

EVENING PRAYER FOR ADVENT

GREETING

Prayer Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.

Please Stand



HYMN:

O come, O come, Emmanuel

To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. R.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. R.

R. Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel, to you
shall come Emmanuel.

O royal branch of Jesse's tree,
Redeem us from all tyranny;
From pain of hell your people free,
And over death win victory. R.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;

PSALMS

Please Sit

Psalm 61

Prayer Leader: Proclaim the good news among the nations. Our God will
come to save us.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
My Happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love
For the faithful ones who dwell in his land.
Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
It is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight:
Welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
Who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
Even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
Nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence,
At your right hand happiness for ever.

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: Proclaim the good news among the nations. Our God will come to save us. Alleluia.

Pause

Psalm 25

Prayer Leader: Know that the Lord is coming and with him all his saints;
that day will dawn with a wonderful light. Alleluia.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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: Know that the Lord is coming and with him all his saints; that day will dawn with a wonderful light. Alleluia

Pause

SCRIPTURE READING

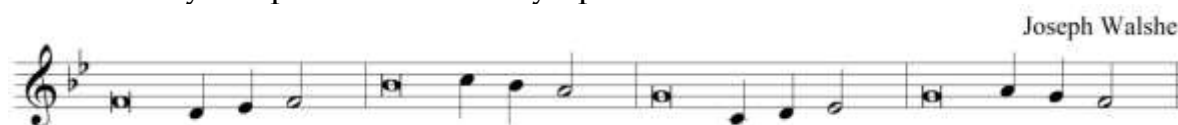
Philippians 3:20b-21

It is to heaven that we look expectantly for coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to save us; he will form this humbled body of ours anew, moulding it into the image of his glorified body, so effective is his power to make all things obey him.

MAGNIFICAT

Please Stand

Prayer Leader: The angel of the Lord brought good news to Mary and she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.



My soul glorifies the Lord / My spirit rejoices in God my saviour /
He looks on his servant in her lowliness / Henceforth all ages will call me
blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me / Holy is his name! /
His mercy is from age to age / on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength / and scatters the proud-hearted. /
He casts the mighty from their thrones / and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things / sends the rich away empty /
He protects Israel his servant, / remembering his mercy.

The mercy promised to our Father, / to Abraham and his seed for ever.
Give praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, / both now and forever, Amen.

All: The angel of the Lord brought good news to Mary and she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.



INTERCESSIONS

Prayer Leader: My brothers and sisters, as we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to God for our own needs and for the needs of the whole human family.

Reader: Renew your Church in our time that together we may be a sign of hope and reconciliation to all. We pray to the Lord.

R. Come, Lord Jesus and show us your loving kindness.

Inspire and strengthen those in positions of authority that they may work for truthfulness, justice and peace. We pray to the Lord.

R. Come, Lord Jesus and show us your loving kindness.

Hear the cry of the poor and suffering that they may find brothers and sisters who are generous and compassionate. We pray to the Lord.

R. Come, Lord Jesus and show us your loving kindness.

Lift up those who are struggling with addictions and those in any kind of trouble. We pray to the Lord.

R. Come, Lord Jesus and show us your loving kindness.

OUR FATHER

Prayer Leader: Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us:

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Prayer Leader: Almighty and ever-living God, your strong yet gentle voice calls us to prepare the way of Christ your Son.

Attune our spirits to the workings of your love, that we may experience the joy of your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **All:** Amen.

DISMISSAL

Prayer Leader: The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **All:** Amen.

