



An Order for Evening Prayer

during Advent

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Reveal among us the light of your presence

All **that we may behold your power and glory.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator of light and darkness,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As evening falls, you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
May your word be a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path
that we may behold your coming among us.
Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness
and free our tongues to sing your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst come to save a ruined race
with healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
as drew the world to evening-tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine,
the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
and things in heaven and earth shall own
that thou art Lord and King alone.

To thee, O holy One, we pray
our judge in that tremendous day,
preserve us, while we dwell below,
from every onslaught of the foe.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore.

Latin, tr: J M Neale (Tune: LM)

This opening prayer may be said

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.**

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Canticle

All **Surely I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

- 1 'Behold, I am coming soon', says the Lord,
'and bringing my reward with me, •
to give to everyone according to their deeds.
- 2 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, •
the beginning and the end.'
- 3 Blessed are those who do God's commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, •
and may enter into the city through the gates.
- 4 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, •
with this testimony for all the churches.
- 5 'I am the root and the offspring of David, •
I am the bright morning star.'
- 6 'Come!' say the Spirit and the Bride; •
'Come!' let each hearer reply.
- 7 Come forward, you who are thirsty, •
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17

All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb •
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

All Surely I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
in your word is my hope.

All My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
in your word is my hope.

There is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared.

All In your word is my hope.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
in your word is my hope.

from Psalm 130

Gospel Cantic

Refrain:

All Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.

From 17 December until 23 December, additional refrains may be used – See CW Daily Prayer

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; •
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; •
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, •
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm •
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones •
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things •
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, •
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

***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.***

***All Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.***

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Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

This cycle and this prayer may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

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

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**