



# Morning Prayer

Season  
of Advent  
2021

## Preparatory Silence

*A minute of silence is kept, during which the following prayer may be used privately in the silence of your heart. It is the prayer appointed for 'Before Worship,' #64 on page 833 of the BCP*

O Almighty God,  
you pour out your spirit of grace  
and of supplication upon all who ask:  
Deliver us, when we draw near to you,  
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind,  
that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections  
we may worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Gathering Sentence and Prayer

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

Our Sovereign and Savior draws near:

**O come, let us worship.**

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever!

In your tender compassion,  
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us  
to dispel the lingering shadows of 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,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessèd be God for ever!**

# Gathering Canticle — A SONG OF BARUCH

*Exsurge, Jerusalem — Baruch 5. 5-9*

*Antiphon*

**Lead us, O God, with joy \*  
to walk in the light of glory.**

- 1. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height: \*  
look to the east and see your children,**
- 2. Gathered from the west and the east \*  
at the word of the Holy One.**
- 3. They rejoice that God has remembered them \*  
and has brought them back to you.**

- 4. For God has ordered that every high mountain \*  
and the everlasting hills be made low,**
- 5. And the valleys filled up to make level ground \*  
so that they may walk safely in the glory of God.**
- 6. The woods and every fragrant tree \*  
have shaded them at God's command.**
- 7. For God will lead his people with joy  
in the light of glory \*  
with the mercy and righteousness  
that comes from God.**

*Antiphon*

**Lead us, O God, with joy \*  
to walk in the light of glory.**

## Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind:

**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.**

## Psalmody

*The appointed Psalm/s are read 'in the round'. The doxology is said after the Psalm*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.**

## First Reading

A reading from...

*After the reading is said*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches :

**Thanks be to God.**

# **Canticle — A Song of God's Herald**

*Super montem excelsum — Isaiah 40. 9-11*

*Antiphon*

**Lift up your voice with strength,\*  
O herald of good tidings.**

- 1. Go up to a high mountain,  
herald of good tidings to Zion; \*  
lift up your voice with strength,  
herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.**
- 2. Lift up your voice, fear not; \*  
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'**
- 3. See the Lord God, coming with power, \*  
coming to rule with his mighty arm.**

**4. He brings his reward for the people of God, \*  
the recompense for those who are saved.**

**5. God will feed his flock like a shepherd, \*  
and gather the lambs in his arms;**

**6. He will hold them to his breast, \*  
and gently lead those that are with young.**

*Antiphon*

**Lift up your voice with strength, \*  
O herald of good tidings.**

## Second Reading

A reading from...

*After the reading is said*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches :  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:

**for by God's will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
who was incarnate for our salvation:

**with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit  
who prepares us for the advent of Christ:

**The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.**

*Revelation 4:8,11; 5:9; 22:17,20*

# The Prayers of the People

Let us pray...

O Lord, answer us in the day of trouble:  
**send us help from your holy place.**

Show us the path of life:  
**for in your presence is joy.**

Give justice to the orphan and oppressed:  
**and break the power of wickedness and evil.**

Look upon the hungry and sorrowful:  
**and grant them the help for which they long.**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad:  
**may your glory endure for ever.**

Your kingship has dominion over all:  
**and with you is our redemption.**

*Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.*

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy**

## Concluding Collect

O God, who set before us the great hope  
that your Kingdom shall come on earth  
and taught us to pray for its coming:  
give us grace to discern the signs of its dawning  
and to work for the perfect day  
when the whole world shall reflect your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# **The Lord's Prayer**

As we look for the coming of the Kingdom,  
Lord, teach us to pray.

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

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

**Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day*

## **Conclusion**

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

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**