

Morning Prayer in Advent

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.

A prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory 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.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

A Song of the King's Glory

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
**For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
**'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;**
'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
**Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is the King of glory?'
**'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'**
Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you
everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Psalm 24

**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.**

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

Silence is kept.

**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.**

The Psalm

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
**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.**

Scripture Reading(s)/ Lectio Divina

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first
believed,
for the night is far spent.
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
for the day is at hand.
Put on the Lord Jesus Christ
and make no provision for the flesh,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Gospel Canticle

(The Song of Zechariah) Luke 1.68-79

**Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the glory that is coming from God.**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**
Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
**Free to worship him without fear, holy and
righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**
**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.**

**Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the glory that is coming from God.**

A time of open prayer followed by...

The Collect of the day

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting. Amen..
Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.**