



Morning Prayer in our homes

Sunday 29th November: Celebrating St Andrew and the first Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome

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



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.

Opening Prayer

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



Silence

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

Lighting of Advent candle



The advent candle is lit

People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and the works of God.
God calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and for ever.**

Amen.

Favourite Bible reading 1



Psalm 32.8

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go: I will guide you with my eye.”

Prayers of Penitence



Christ the light of the world has come to dispel
the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**



May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Te Deum Laudamus - A song of the church



We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

**Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.



**Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.
Govern and uphold them now and always.



Day by day we bless you.
We praise your name for ever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy,
for we have put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope:
let us never be put to shame.

Listening and responding to God's word



Readings from the Old and New Testaments

Isaiah 52. 7-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains
 are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
 who brings good news,
 who announces salvation,
 who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
 together they sing for joy;
 for in plain sight they see
 the return of the LORD to Zion.

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⁹ Break forth together into singing,
 you ruins of Jerusalem;
 for the LORD has comforted his people,
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm
 before the eyes of all the nations;
 and all the ends of the earth shall see
 the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Matthew 4.18-22

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



Creed

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 his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

for 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:

the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'

Even so come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty God,

Who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew

That he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ

and brought his brother with him:

Call us by your holy word,

And give us grace to follow you without delay

and to tell the good news of your kingdom;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

The response to

Maranatha:
is **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

and at the end

Come Lord Jesus, do not delay
Give new courage to your people,
Who trust in your love.

**By your coming raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
On earth as in heaven,
Where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
One God for ever and ever.
Amen**



concluding with:

**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**

Notices



Favourite Bible reading 2

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all
men.
The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing;
but in every thing
by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known unto
God.

And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Going out to serve God

Blessing

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
Make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

Amen

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
Reveal in our midst the promise of his glory,

Amen

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
Joyful in hope and constant in love.

Amen

And the blessing of God Almighty, the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

As we await our coming Saviour,
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.





If you'd like to stay and chat on zoom there will be break out rooms for 5 minutes.

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