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**Preparation** A bell is rung. The Paschal Candle may be lit.

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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!

Now is the time to wake out of sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Romans 13.11

The officiant welcomes the congregation, after which a hymn may be sung

#### Penitential Rite

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. *cf 1 Corinthians 4.5* 

Lord God,

we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

People of God: prepare! God, above all, maker of all, is one with us in Christ. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world he has made. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ. Maranatha! Come,Lord Jesus

A hymn may be sung

#### Psalms

The appointed psalmody is said from the Psalms sheet: the officiant says the off verses and the congregation respond together with the even verses, said slowly and with a small pause at the end of each line.

#### Each psalm ends with

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.

#### Old Testament Canticle

Ending with

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.

#### Scripture Reading

Either of the first or second readings may be used. The Gospel appointed for the Day is always read. At the end of each reading

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

The reader then leads with this responsory

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God. Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth. And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory. Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

Gospel Canticle: The Benedictus (Luke 1: 68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy people, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our ancestors is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.

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.

#### Sermon, Meditation or Reflection

This may be given by a member of the congregation, printed & shared or a recording/video may be played.

#### Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Or

A hymn may be sung

#### Prayers

The response to the intercessions may be:

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

This prayer for the departed may be used:

+ Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace And rise in glory

The Hail Mary may also be used:

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death

#### Collect of the Day

#### The Lord's Prayer

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 Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord Thanks be to God





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# Morning Prayer

## on Sundays in Advent

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