

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Advent I

Gathering Song (*Please stand as able*)

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#259 | “Fling Wide the Door”

Opening Dialogue

Priest Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

People **And also with you.**

Priest I was glad when they said to me,

People **“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

Priest In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People **The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.**

Priest It is now time for us to wake from sleep;

People **the night is far spent; the light draws near.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Priest & People **Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.**

Priest Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

People **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Priest Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

People **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Priest For the Lord is a great God, *

People **and a great King above all gods.**

Priest In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

People **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Priest The sea is his, for he made it, *

People **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Priest Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

People **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Priest For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

People **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Priest & People **Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.**

Psalm of the Day | Psalm 130 (Please read responsively by verse)

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 **If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, ***
O LORD, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

4 **I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; ***
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 **O Israel, wait for the LORD, ***
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Priest Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Psalm Prayer

Reading | Mark 13:33-37

Priest The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Advent Week 1 | Watch!

Gospel Canticle (*Please stand as able*)

Priest Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
People *but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.*

Father, We Praise Thee

1. Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2. Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3. All ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual
o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -
fore - thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
send - ing; bring - us to heav - en, where thy saints u -
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -
ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
nit - ed joy with - out end -
sound - ing through all cre - a -
tion.

Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1876 - 1936)
Music: *Christe sanctorum* Melody from Antiphoner, (1681)

Prayers

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Vercicle Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
Response **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**
Vercicle Day by day we bless you;
Response **We praise your name for ever.**
Vercicle Lord, keep us from all sin today;
Response **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Vercicle Lord, show us your love and mercy;
Response *For we put our trust in you.*
Vercicle In you, Lord, is our hope;
Response *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Collect for the Day

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

People *Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,
you have brought us in safety to this new day:
Preserve us with your mighty power,
that we may not fall into sin,
nor be overcome by adversity;
and in all we do,
direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*
Priest May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
People *Amen.*

Sending Song

Go, My Children with My Blessing

1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2. "Go, my chil - dren, sins for-giv - en, at peace and pure.
3. "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spi - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fortstilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for-giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Gathering Song

"Fling Wide the Door"

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
 king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!