

ALL SAINTS' & ST. MARK'S, WEST PARLEY

Daily Prayer for Advent

*To use this order you will also need;
The weekly pew Sheet, a Bible for the reading(s)
a Prayer Book or Bible for the psalm(s).
If praying alone use the full text. If praying with another
one can lead and the other respond with the words in bold type*

THE PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Pour your love into our hearts, O God,
through the Holy Spirit you have given to us.

**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.**

Either this or another ADVENT HYMN may be recited or sung

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever; Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALM(S):

*The psalm(s) for the day will be found on the weekly Pew Sheet.
The text of the psalm can be found in any Bible or in the
Book of Common Prayer. If praying with another recite alternate verses.*

THE SCRIPTURE READING(S):

*The reading(s) for the day will also be found in the weekly Pew Sheet.
Use one or both readings depending on the time available to you. If you wish
you can recite the canticle, A Song of the Spirit between the readings.*

A SONG OF THE SPIRIT

**Surely I am coming soon!
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

'Behold, I am coming soon', says the Lord,
'and bringing my reward with me,
to give to everyone according to their deeds.

'I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last,
The beginning and the end.'

Blessed are those who do God's commandments
That they may have the right to the tree of life,
And may enter into the city through the gates.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you,
With this testimony for all the churches.

I am the root and the offspring of David,
I am the bright morning star.'

'Come' say the Spirit and the Bride;
'Come' let each hearer reply!

Come forward, you who are thirsty,
Let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

**Surely I am coming soon!
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

From Revelation ch.22

Silence may be kept after the reading(s) followed by This Response

My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
In your word is my hope.

The appropriate gospel canticle for the time of day is then recited.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: **The Benedictus** (morning)

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he 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 he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our forebears
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he 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.
You, my 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 mercy 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.**

The Magnificat (afternoon or evening)

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant,
from this day forward all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant, Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.
The promise he made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his seed for ever.
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 PRAYERS

*Silent prayers or spoken petitions may conclude with **The Kyrie***

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

THE LORD'S PRAYER is said

THE COLLECT *(any of the following or from the Pew Sheet)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
so that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

O God, by whose command
the order of time runs its course:
forgive our restlessness, perfect our faith
and, while we await the fulfilment of your promise,
grant us to have a good hope
through the Word made flesh,
even Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

THE CONCLUSION

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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.