

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

Daily Prayer for the Twelve Days of Christmas

*To use this order you will also need;
The weekly pew Sheet, a Bible for the readings,
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 CHRISTMAS HYMN may be recited or sung

Unto us a child is given, Christ our saviour brings release;
Counsellor, eternal Father, God made man and prince of peace.

Born of Mary, gentle virgin, by the Spirit of the Lord;
From eternal ages spoken, this the mighty Father's Word.

Love and truth in him shall flower, from his strength their vigour take.
Branches that are bare shall blossom; joy that slept begins to wake.

Praise the everlasting Father, and the Word, his only Son;
Praise them with the Holy Spirit, perfect Trinity in one.

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.*

Silence may be kept after the reading(s) followed by This Response
The Word of Life which was from the beginning,
We proclaim to you.

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*)

All praise to you,
Almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin.
Grant that, as we born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with Amen.

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new;
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory:
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you..... Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

