

TUESDAY and Advent

THE PREPARATION

Leader: O Lord, open our lips;

ALL: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.

Leader: Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise 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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

ALL: BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER!

Leader: God fills the earth with goodness:

ALL: O COME, LET US WORSHIP.

or, in Advent:

Leader: Our Sovereign and Saviour draws near:

ALL: O COME, LET US WORSHIP.

THE OPENING CANTICLE: A SONG OF THE KING'S GLORY

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,*
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas*
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?*'
and who can stand in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,*
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord*
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.
- 6 'Such is the generation of those who seek him,*
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.'
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;*
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 'Who is this King of glory?''*
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.'

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;*
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 'Who is he, this King of glory?''*
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!'

Glory

Leader: 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.

ALL: AMEN.

THE PSALM

THE SECOND CANTICLE:

either: A SONG OF THE WILDERNESS

refrain:

**ALL: THE RANSOMED OF THE LORD SHALL RETURN,*
AND SORROW AND SIGHING SHALL FLEE AWAY.**

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,*
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.

2 They shall see the glory of the Lord,*
the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weary hands,*
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,
your God is coming with judgement,*
coming with judgement to save you.'

5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,*
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 Then shall the lame leap like a hart,*
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

- 7 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,*
and streams in the desert;
- 8 The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing,*
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
- 9 Joy and gladness shall be theirs,*
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Glory

**ALL: THE RANSOMED OF THE LORD SHALL RETURN,*
AND SORROW AND SIGHING SHALL FLEE AWAY.**

or: A SONG OF GOD'S HERALD

refrain:

**ALL: LIFT UP YOUR VOICE WITH STRENGTH,*
O HERALD OF GOOD TIDINGS.**

- 1 Go up to a high mountain, herald of good tidings to Zion;*
lift up your voice with strength, herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.
- 2 Lift up your voice, fear not;*
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'
- 3 See the Lord God, coming with power,*
coming to rule with his mighty arm.
- 4 He brings his reward for the people of God,*
the recompense for those who are saved.
- 5 God will feed his flock like a shepherd,*
and gather the lambs in his arms;
- 6 He will hold them to his breast,*
and gently lead those that are with young.

Glory

**ALL: LIFT UP YOUR VOICE WITH STRENGTH,*
O HERALD OF GOOD TIDINGS.**

THE READINGS:

RESPONSORY:

Leader: Now it is time to awake out of sleep,
ALL: FOR THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT AND DAY IS AT HAND.

Leader: Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,
ALL: FOR THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT.

Leader: Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
ALL: FOR THE DAY IS AT HAND.

Leader: Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh,
ALL: FOR THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT AND DAY IS AT HAND.

THE BENEDICTUS

Refrain:

**ALL: THE DAWN FROM ON HIGH SHALL BREAK UPON US,*
TO SHINE ON THOSE WHO DWELL IN DARKNESS.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,*
for he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,*
born of the house of his servant, David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,*
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our forebears*
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:*
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,*
holy and righteous in his sight, all the days of our life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,*
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation,*
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God,*
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,*
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory

Refrain:

**ALL: THE DAWN FROM ON HIGH SHALL BREAK UPON US,*
TO SHINE ON THOSE WHO DWELL IN DARKNESS.**

THE PRAYERS:

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Leader: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

THE COLLECT

O God,
who set before us the great hope
that your Kingdom shall come on earth
and taught us to pray for its coming:
give us grace to discern the signs of its dawning
and to work for the perfect day
when the whole world shall reflect your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

Or:

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.

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 CONCLUSION

 The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
 and keep us in eternal life.
ALL: **AMEN.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.
ALL: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

or, in Advent:

Leader: May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.
ALL: **AMEN.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.
ALL: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**