

Morning Worship during Advent



HYMN

All Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.**

Call to Worship

All Our King and Saviour draws near:
Come let us worship.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**
When the time had fully come
you sent the Sun of Righteousness.

All **In him the fullness of your glory dwells.**
To you be glory and praise for ever.

The service is introduced

The Advent Wreath *may be lit here*

(The children's groups, if present, gather in the centre of the church to leave for their own ministry of the Word)

Prayer of Preparation 2

All **Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

We are invited to confess our sins. Please remain standing. The president leads the sentences of confession, each ending with the response

All Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy

All Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy

All Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy

The following may then be sung

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

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.

All **Amen.**

The Collect of the day

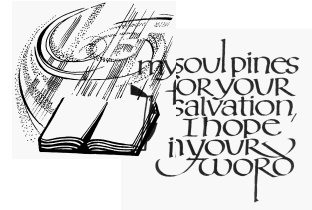


The Word 3

Readings from Holy Scripture and a HYMN may be sung. After the readings:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God

All **Though he was divine,**
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

cf Philippians 2.6-11

The Offertory

We sing a Hymn during which the offertory is collected. At the end is said

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant

All **Through your love,**
make us servants of one another.

Lord Jesus Christ,
for our sake you became poor,
All **May our lives and gifts**
enrich the life of your world.

Yours, Lord,
All **is the greatness, the power, the glory,**
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

(An opportunity for the children's groups to share with the congregation should they wish to do so is offered here)

The Prayers of Intercession

After the prayers there may be a time of reflection, with time for private prayer and meditation, either with music or silence or a sung anthem. The children's groups then rejoin us for the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer *is said*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

As our Saviour taught us so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into
temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the
glory are yours now
and for ever. Amen.

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Closing Prayer

We join together in a prayer for the coming week

All **Lord our God,**
on the first day of creation you made the
light that scatters the darkness.
Let Christ, the light of lights,
hidden from all eternity,
shine at last on your people
and free us from the darkness of sin.
Fill our lives with joy as we go out to wel-
come your Son at his coming.
We ask this in the name
of Jesus the Lord. Amen

Final Hymn



The night is far spent the day draws nigh

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Dismissal

Our Lord Jesus says
'I am coming soon'
All **So be it. Come,**
Lord Jesus.

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

Go therefore
in peace to love
and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of**
Christ. Amen.



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Acclamation

With love and compassion,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**
With judgement and mercy,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**
In power and glory,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**
In wisdom and truth,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

The Grace

We say together

All **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

The Team Prayer will be said at some point

Lord God, the source of our unity, faith and
love: bless the Clarendon Team, that sharing
our gifts we may proclaim the gospel and
reveal your glory, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Peace

during the service we will be invited to share the peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you**

We offer one another
a sign of peace.



Please do not take this order of service away with you