



DOWN CATHEDRAL
AN ORDER OF EVENING PRAYER
FOR USE ON WEEKDAYS IN ADVENT
after Common Worship: Daily Prayer
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PREPARATION

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we may behold your power and glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of light and darkness,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

As evening falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence.
May your word be a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path
that we may behold your coming among us.

Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness and free our tongues to sing your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.
Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

*The appointed **Psalmody** is said.*

*This **Canticle** (A Song of the Spirit) is said:*

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 the 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.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb •
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

A Scripture Reading appointed for the day is read, followed by this Responsory:

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

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in your word is my hope.**

There is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared.

In your word is my hope.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

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

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

*(This refrain is used from the First Sunday of Advent until 16th December.
The Advent Antiphons are used from 17th December).*

**Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; •
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day 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, •
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm •
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones •
and lifting up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things •
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •
to remember his promise of mercy,
The promise made to our ancestors, •
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

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the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

PRAYERS

*Prayers are offered for the day,
followed by this or another appropriate **Collect**:*

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;
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,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The **Lord's Prayer** is said:*

Awaiting his coming in glory,
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.**

THE CONCLUSION

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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Additional Refrains to the Magnificat from 17 December

17 December – O Sapientia

O Wisdom,
coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other mightily,
and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

18 December – O Adonai

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

19 December – O Radix Jesse

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;
before you kings will shut their mouths,
to you the nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

20 December – O Clavis David

O Key of David
and sceptre of the House of Israel;
you open and no one can shut;
you shut and no one can open:
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

21 December – O Oriens

O Morning Star,
splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

22 December – O Rex Gentium

O King of the nations, and their desire,
the cornerstone making both one:
Come and save the human race,
which you fashioned from clay.

23 December – O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Saviour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.