



Sunday 29th November 2026
The First Sunday of Advent

People of God: awake!
God above all, maker of all,
is one with us in Christ.
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus

People of God: be glad!
God the mighty God
bends down in love to earth.
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus

People of God: return!
We are God's children,
we seek the coming of Christ.
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus

People of God: prepare!
God with us
comes soon to the world he has made.
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus

People of God: shout and sing!
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus.

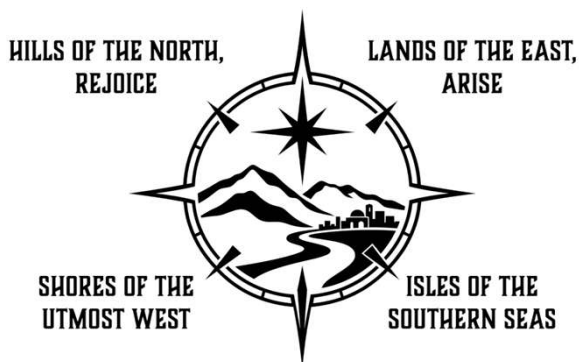
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**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**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.**



Together we say

**Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.**

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope. The hills of the north are called to rejoice, even while the world waits and watches. This candle promises that while things may seem chaotic and confusing, there is hope in the promises of God's justice.

God of hope, we seek Your presence in the unknown.

Shine Your light upon us, stirring hope where there is confusion.

*We light the first candle
and in the silence, we seek God's restoration.*



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We sing a song of response

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light: forgive us when we return to darkness. Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight. Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith and love.

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice
Look to God, do not be afraid
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins,
that you may behold
the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week's collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you O Lord

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus speaks of the coming of the Son of Man and calls his followers to remain awake and watchful, living in readiness for God's decisive moment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.*

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Shine in your church
gathered today.*

**Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth,
we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

**Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.
Your word alone
has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

**Longing for food,
many are hungry.
Longing for water,
many still thirst.
Make us your bread,
broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.*

**Longing for shelter,
many are homeless.
Longing for warmth,
many are cold.
Make us your building,
sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.*

**Many the gifts,
many the people,
many the hearts
that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants
to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.*



The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

The prophet cries out for God to tear open the heavens and come down, to intervene and renew a broken world.

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



*Who cares if the sky cares to fall in the sea?
Who cares what banks failed in Yonkers,
Long as you've got a kiss that conquers?
Why should I care? Life is one long jubilee
So long as I care for you, and you care for me!
Who could care if the sky cares to fall in the sea?
Who cares about a bank that failed in Yonkers?
As long as you have got a kiss that conquers,
Why should I care? Life is one long jubilee
So long as I care for you, and you care for me!*

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

**O God, keep us awake to you:
and alive to your call.**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel
who has come to his people and set them free.
**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's Destruction
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus
 With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus
 Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
 gifts from God to his table we bring
we shall remember Jesus

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us
 Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
 in your love you made us for yourself.
 When we turned away you did not reject us,
 but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you

In Christ you shared our life
 that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love
upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his
 friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he
 broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat;
 this is my body which is given for you; do this in
 remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance
of him: his body is the bread of life

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he
 gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant, which is
 shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in
 remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance
of him: his blood is shed for all

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

EITHER

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Lord of power, Lord of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Sing hosanna evermore.
Blest and holy, blest and holy
he who comes from God on high.
Raise your voices, sing his glory,
praise his name for evermore.**

OR

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

The Lord's Prayer is used and the bread is broken

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many
we are one body
because we all share
in one bread**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world: have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world: have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world: grant us peace**

This is Christ's table.
 He welcomes all. Come and be fed.
**Voices old and new,
 Lives young and old.
 This is who we are.
 This is who we are becoming.
 Amen! Together we come!**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
 holy is the Lord God almighty.
 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
 holy is the Lord God almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come.
 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord;
 Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord;
 Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!**

**Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord;
 worthy is the Lord God almighty.
 Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord;
 worthy is the Lord God almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come!
 Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.**

**Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;
 glory to the Lord God almighty.
 Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;
 glory to the Lord God almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come.
 Glory, glory, glory to the Lord.**

Father of all who wait this Advent, we thank you
 for meeting us at your table and feeding us with
 the mystery of your love. Here you strengthen us
 to wait with courage that endures confusion,
 with peace that changes what it touches,
 with joy that startles the heart awake,
 and with faithfulness that holds fast in the dark,
 until we see your glory made fragile
 in Bethlehem's manger once more.

Amen.

Almighty God,
 who in Jesus Christ has given us
 a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
 forgive us our sins,
 open our eyes to God's truth,
 strengthen us to do God's will
 and give us the joy of his kingdom,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices are shared

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Hills of the North, rejoice,
 river and mountain-spring,
 hark to the advent voice;
 valley and lowland, sing.
 Christ comes in righteousness and love,
 he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
 sing to the listening earth,
 carry on every breeze
 hope of a world's new birth:
 In Christ shall all be made anew,
 his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
 he is your brightest morn,
 greet him with joyous eyes,
 praise shall his path adorn:
 Your seers have longed to know their Lord;
 to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,
 lands of the setting sun,
 welcome the heavenly guest
 in whom the dawn has come:
 He brings a never-ending light
 who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

**Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.**

Blessing and Farewell

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace to await the coming of the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen!

