

THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER

○ Sapientia

Jesus – the Wisdom of God

O Lord, open our lips
**and our mouth shall
proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help 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.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

OUR READINGS FROM JOHN

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one.

from The Rhythm of Life by David Adams

In the power of the presence

Lord, may we abide.

In the love of the Lord

Lord, may we abide.

In the strength of the Saviour

Lord, may we abide.

In the compassion of Christ

Lord, may we abide.

In the joy of Jesus

Lord, may we abide.

In the indwelling of our God

Lord, may we abide.

That we may dwell in him

and he in us

Lord, may we abide.

We pray for today's activities

We say the Lord's prayer together

BE THOU MY VISION

<https://youtu.be/DORM8ttY1ws?si=iWSX1Q1-kFibqN1P>

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FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER

○ Adonai

Jesus – the Mighty Lord

Loving God,

we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word
with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.**

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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

OUR READING FROM JOHN

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!— came into being without him. What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by

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HILLS OF THE NORTH REJOICE

https://youtu.be/ufsfurSpPmM?si=2R_tGd8MYw_1j2Yb

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SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER

○ Radix Jesse

Jesus – the Root of Jesse

Lord, speak to us

that we may hear your word.

Move among us

that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers

that we may learn to trust you.

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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

https://youtu.be/WBGx_4PxO3g?si=ZPE27VgwxD-NZDvV

OUR READING FROM JOHN

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.

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Prayer for the Morning by William Barclay

God, our Father, who ever makes the light to shine out of the darkness, we thank you for waking us to see the light of this new day. Grant unto us to waste none of its hours; to soil none of its moments; to neglect none of its opportunities; to fail in none of its duties. And bring us, Lord, to the evening time undefeated by any temptation, at peace with ourselves, at peace with others and at peace with You. This we ask for your love's sake.

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Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER

O Clavis David

Jesus – the Key of David

Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal: have mercy on us.

Eternal God, source of all blessing, help us to worship you with all our heart and mind and strength; for you alone are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

FREEDOM IS COMING

<https://youtu.be/2ZgUC6YHC40?si=m9pHPTv3uqCFNPrS>

OUR READING FROM JOHN

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

There once was a man, his name John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light.

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MONDAY 21 DECEMBER

○ Oriens

Jesus – the Bright Morning Star

Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

OUR READING FROM JOHN

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

For the Light of Truth was about to come into the world and shine upon everyone. He entered into the very world he created, yet the world was unaware. He came to the very people he created — to those who should have recognised him, but they did not receive him.

from the Salus Aeterna

Saviour eternal,
life of the world unfailing,
light everlasting
and our true redemption.

**Taking our humanity
in your loving freedom,
you rescued our lost earth
and filled the world with joy.**

By your first advent justify us,
by your second, set us free:
that when the great light dawns
and you come as judge of all,
we may be robed in immortality
**and ready, Lord,
to follow in your footsteps blest,
wherever they may lead.**

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LONGING FOR LIGHT

<https://youtu.be/kt3Qc04ulOM?si=jl-dvomg2yALpkyV>

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TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER

○ Rex Gentium

Jesus – the King of the Nations

Jesus Christ has made us
a kingdom of priests
to serve his God and Father.

**To God be glory and
kingship for ever and ever.**

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

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

OUR READING FROM JOHN

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to
become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the
flesh or of the will of man, but of God

But those who embraced him and took hold of his name were given
authority to become the children of God! He was not born by the joining of
human parents or from natural means, or by a man's desire, but he was born
of God.

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LET ALL MORTAL FLESH

https://youtu.be/ynzuVpmmRQM?si=CoHlypBXXS_wTHal

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

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WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER

○ Emmanuel

Jesus – the God who is with us

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognize his presence with us. As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together.

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Saviour:

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

OUR READING FROM JOHN

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

from St. Ephraim the Syrian

The feast day of your birth resembles You, Lord because it brings joy to all humanity.

Since you came from heaven to earth on that day. You forgave our sins and wiped away our guilt.

You gave us so many gifts
on the day of your birth:

A treasure chest of spiritual medicines for the sick;

Spiritual light for the blind;

The cup of salvation for the thirsty;

The bread of life for the hungry.

In the winter when trees are bare,

**You give us the most
succulent spiritual fruit.**

In the frost when the earth is barren,

You bring new hope to our souls.

In December when seeds

are hidden in the soil,

the staff of life springs forth

from the virgin womb

We pray for today's activities

We say the Lord's Prayer together

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

<https://youtu.be/kKu0or0t8Uw?si=QE7uUSxcCozC4wDY>

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Saviour:

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER

O Gloria Mundi

Jesus – the Glory of the World

The Lord be with you

And also with you

O Glory of the World, the light that shines in the darkness and the peace that calms all hearts: Come, and reign in our lives, now and forever.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

OUR READING FROM JOHN

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He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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OF THE FATHER'S LOVE

<https://youtu.be/6kK4JLP9i7U?si=b3hhD-Qyu3d6AJeo>

O Glory of the World, the light that shines in the darkness and the peace that calms all hearts: Come, and reign in our lives, now and forever.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

God will send his angels from glory to bring to shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth.

Yes! We thank you Lord.

You will hear again his story, the story of God's own Son.

Yes! We thank you Lord.

May he fill you with joy to bring this good news to others today.

Yes! We thank you Lord.