



*Prayer During the Day*

*Advent*

Thursday, 9 December 2021

### **Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

*All*

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,

*All*

**that I should not sin against you.**

*Psalm 119.11*

### **Praise**

*A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or*

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.

*Salus Aeterna*

## **The Word of God**

*Psalmody*

Either, Thursday Psalm 70

Or, on any day Psalm 80.1-8

Alternatively, when Morning and Evening Prayer are also celebrated, [one of these cycles](#) may be followed.

# Psalm 70

Refrain: Come to me quickly, O God.

1 O God, make speed to save me; □

O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life

be put to shame and confusion; □

let them be turned back and disgraced

who wish me evil.

3 Let those who mock and deride me □

turn back because of their shame.

4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; □

let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'

5 As for me, I am poor and needy; □

come to me quickly, O God.

6 You are my help and my deliverer; □

O Lord, do not delay.

Refrain: Come to me quickly, O God.

O God, our helper and defender,

deliver us in our weakness,

answer our longings

and vindicate our faith,

that we may see your glory

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

## Psalm 80.1-8

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, <sup>□</sup>

you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, <sup>□</sup>

before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

3 Stir up your mighty strength <sup>□</sup>

and come to our salvation.

4 Turn us again, O God; <sup>□</sup>

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

5 O Lord God of hosts, <sup>□</sup>

how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears; <sup>□</sup>

you give them abundance of tears to drink.

7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, <sup>□</sup>

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; <sup>□</sup>

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Faithful shepherd of your people,

as we look for the light of your countenance,

restore in us the image of your glory

and graft us into the risen life of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

*All*

**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.**

*Short readings*

*Thursday*

Jesus said to Peter, James, John and Andrew, 'It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

*Mark 13.34 - end*

*Or, on any day in Advent*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

*Isaiah 40.1*

## **Response**

*Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

*All*

**for they will be filled.**

*Matthew 5.6*

## **Prayers**

*Prayers may include these concerns:*

¶ *The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ*

¶ *The leaders of the Church*

¶ *The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God*

¶ *Those who are working for justice in the world*

¶ *The broken, that they may find God's healing*

*A form of intercession found [here](#) may be used.*

*Either, the following prayer is said*

Keep us, O Lord,  
while we tarry on this earth,  
in a serious seeking after you,  
and in an affectionate walking with you,  
every day of our lives;  
that when you come,  
we may be found not hiding our talent,  
nor serving the flesh,  
nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished,  
but waiting and longing for our Lord,  
our glorious God for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Richard Baxter (1691)*

*Or, the Collect of the day is said*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
AllAmen.

*The Lord's Prayer is said.*

(Either)

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All

**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.**

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All

**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 make us ready for his coming in glory.

All

**Amen.**

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