

## ¶ Evening Prayer

### Advent

**Saturday, 30 November 2024**

### Andrew the Apostle

#### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

AllO Lord, make haste to help us.

Reveal among us the light of your presence

Allthat we may behold your power and glory.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

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.

AllBlessed be God for ever.

[A Song of Mercy and Truth \(page 559\)](#), the following or another suitable hymn

Creator of the stars of night,

thy people's everlasting light,

O Jesu, Saviour of us all,

regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry  
of all creation doomed to die,  
didst come to save a ruined race  
with healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,  
as drew the world to evening-tide,  
proceeding from a virgin shrine,  
the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

At thy great name, exalted now,  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,  
and things in heaven and earth shall own  
that thou art Lord and King alone.

To thee, O holy One, we pray  
our judge in that tremendous day,  
preserve us, while we dwell below,  
from every onslaught of the foe.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Spirit blest, for evermore.

Latin, tr: J M Neale

(Tune: LM)

This opening prayer may be said

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.

AllAmen.

# The Word of God

## Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

## Psalm 87

Refrain: The Lord has chosen Zion for himself.

1 His foundation is on the holy mountains. □

The Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, □  
Zion, city of our God.

3 I record Egypt and Babylon as those who know me; □  
behold Philistia, Tyre and Ethiopia:  
in Zion were they born.

4 And of Zion it shall be said, 'Each one was born in her, □  
and the Most High himself has established her.'

5 The Lord will record as he writes up the peoples, □  
'This one also was born there.'

6 And as they dance they shall sing, □  
'All my fresh springs are in you.'

Refrain: The Lord has chosen Zion for himself.

Lord, as you call us to your city  
founded on the rock of ages,  
let the springs of living water  
rise within us to eternal life;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Psalm 96

Refrain: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; □

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; □

tell out his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations □

and his wonders among all peoples. R

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; □

he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are but idols; □

it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty are before him; □

power and splendour are in his sanctuary. R

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; □

ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; □

bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; □

let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. □

He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity. R

11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; □

let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

12 Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them; □

let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.

13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth; □

with righteousness he will judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

Refrain: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Lord God, you draw us by your beauty  
and transform us by your holiness;  
let our worship echo all creation's praise  
and declare your glory to the nations;  
through 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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

## **Zechariah 8.20-23**

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, the inhabitants of many cities; the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Come, let us go to entreat the favour of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.' Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favour of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from nations of every language shall take hold of a Jew, grasping his garment and saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'

## **Canticle**

The following, or another suitable canticle, may be said or sung

Refrain:

All Christ was believed in throughout the world  
and taken up in glory.

1 Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh □  
and vindicated in the spirit.

2 He was seen by angels □  
and proclaimed among the nations.

3 Believed in throughout the world, □  
he was taken up in glory.

4This will be made manifest at the proper time ☩

by the blessed and only Sovereign,

5Who alone has immortality, ☩

and dwells in unapproachable light.

1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15, 16

AllTo the King of kings and Lord of lords ☩

be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

AllChrist was believed in throughout the world

and taken up in glory.

## Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

## John 1.35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:

in your word is my hope.

AllMy soul is waiting for you, O Lord:

in your word is my hope.

There is forgiveness with you,

so that you shall be feared.

AllIn your word is my hope.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:

in your word is my hope.

from Psalm 130

## Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said, or [The Song of Christ's Glory \(page 619\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All On the foundation stones of the heavenly city  
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

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

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ☩  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ☩  
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ☩  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ☩  
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ☩  
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ☩  
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ☩  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

AllGlory 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.

Refrain:

AllOn the foundation stones of the heavenly city  
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.

## Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364–365](#)

¶ 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 prayer found [on page 377](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

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.  
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
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)

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
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, when he comes,  
find us watching and waiting.  
All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.  
All Thanks be to God.

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