

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH ONLINE ADVENT MORNING WORSHIP, 10.00 AM

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord. *cf John 1.23*

A moment to pause in silence as we present ourselves to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Wait for the Lord;
praise his name
be strong and brave
and put your hope in the Lord

**We will praise the name of the Lord
we will trust in him
and keep the faith of Christ Jesus**

The tender compassion of our God
the dawn from heaven shall break upon us
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Lord Jesus, may your grace draw us ever closer to you.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

**Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:
You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:
You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:**

A moment of quiet to present ourselves to God, and ask him to heal, forgive, lead and guide us this morning.

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

Jesse Bible Reading

Reflection/Devotion & Prayer

Showing of the decoration/symbol and placing on the tree

The service leader leads prayers for the world, the church, our community and ourselves.

Optional Words for prayers – to be used at the service leader’s discretion:

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid
we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

We pray for ...

Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray for ...

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.

We pray for ...

Break into our lives,
where we struggle with sickness and distress,
and set us free to serve you for ever.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember ...

Give us with all the faithful departed
a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you,

that with all your saints and angels

we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Silence is kept.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
Maranatha
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Notices

The Grace

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

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