

Quiet Prayer | Lectio | Intercessions | An Advent Creed

We believe in God.

Despite his silence and his mystery,

We believe that he is living.

Despite evil and suffering,

We believe that he made the world for happiness and for life.

Despite the limits of our reason and the resistance of our hearts

We believe that he is Father.

We believe in Jesus Christ.

Despite the centuries that separate us from him we believe in his Word.

Despite his weakness and his poverty,

we believe that his death is our life.

Despite our incomprehension and our refusal to believe

we believe in his resurrection.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Despite appearances, we believe that he guides the Church.

Despite the incredulity of the world,

*we believe that he fosters through it
the hunger for prayer, justice and love.*

*We also believe that God gives eternal life to all those who search for,
and believe in the name of, the Son of God.*

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Music

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Tonus Peregrinus; Antony Pitts, conductor

Going out as the people of God

God, Holy One, everlasting and full of mercy, in you we place all our trust. In times of distress, open our heart to true life and joy in believing that we may have new courage and be sources of encouragement to all we meet. Amen.

Closing Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace.

Orlagh in the City

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Welcome and stilling exercise Opening Hymn

O comfort my people and calm all their fear,
And tell them the time of salvation draws near.
O tell them I come to remove all their shame.
Then they will forever give praise to my name.

Proclaim to the cities of Judah my word;
That gentle yet strong is the hand of the Lord.
I rescue the captives, my people defend
And bring them to justice and joy without end.

“All mountains and hills shall become as a plain
For vanished are mourning and hunger and pain
And never again shall these war against you.
Behold I come quickly to make all things new.”



Lighting of the second Advent candle

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All Amen.



Ky - ri-e, e - le - i - son.

Chri-ste, e - le - i - son.

Opening Prayer

God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin.

Make our conduct blameless,
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near:
your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

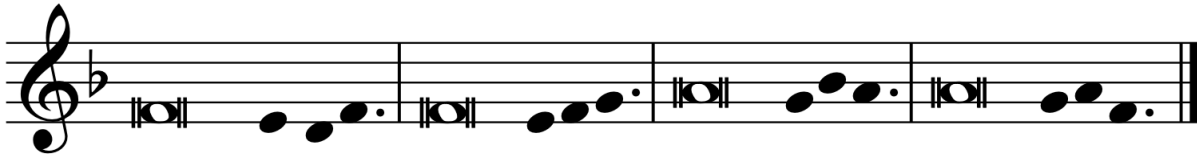
LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophet Baruch (5:1-9)

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting,
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven,
for God will give you evermore the name,
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies,
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain
and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God’s command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him. .

Psalm 126



When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels
the Lord worked for them!’
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians (1:3-11)

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all humanity shall see the salvation of God.
before the Son of Man.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”