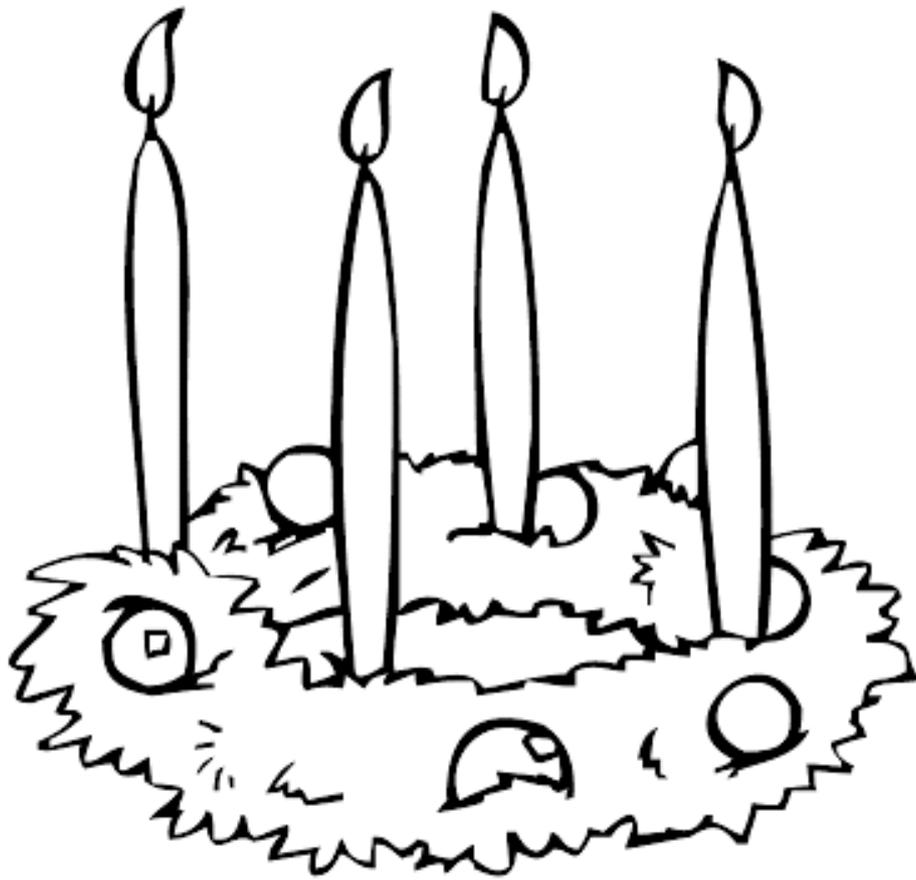


# Advent Morning Prayer



at St Lawrence Church, Bovington

## **A hymn or song may be sung**

### **Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting

**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

**O praise the name of the Lord!**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

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.**

**Amen.**

## **The Advent wreath song may be sung**

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel  
the darkness of our hearts.

In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

**Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore to us the joy of your salvation;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,  
and restore *you* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**and in our song will we praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,

creator and redeemer of all;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world

and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

And now we give you thanks  
because your Son our Lord was awaited by the prophets,  
announced by an angel,  
conceived by a virgin,  
and proclaimed at last to men and women of every race.  
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts  
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**A hymn or song may be sung**

## **The Word of God**

### **Readings**

*At the end of each reading the reader may say*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A hymn, psalm or song may be sung**

### **Gospel Reading**

*At the end of the reading the reader may say*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The reading may be followed by a time of silence.*

**A hymn or song may be sung**

*These acclamations may be made:*

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead  
**And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.  
**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.  
**And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.  
**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

## **The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered.*

*The Collect is said.*

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

**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.**

**A hymn or song may be sung**

**Sermon**

**A hymn or song may be sung during which offerings may  
be received**

# The Conclusion

## The Blessing

Our Lord says, I am coming soon.

**Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

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

**Amen.**

May God himself, the God of peace,  
make you perfect and holy,  
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing ...

*cf 1 Thessalonians 5.23*

