

# Daily Prayer



**Advent Season**

*Advent Sunday until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December*

# Chelmsford Cathedral Morning Prayer

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*Advent*

*All* O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
Reveal among us the light of your presence.  
*All* **that we may behold your power and glory.**

**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.**

## **The Office Hymn**

*Sung from Hymns for Prayer and Praise*

*The opening prayer is said*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Psalms**

*The psalms of the day are recited. Each psalm ends 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.**

**The First Reading**  
*From the Old Testament*

**Canticle**

*A song of the Baruch  
(or another suitable canticle)*

**All**    **Lead us, O God,  
with joy to walk in the light of glory.**  
1        Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height:  
          look to the east and see your children,  
2        Gathered from the west and the east  
          at the word of the Holy One.  
3        They rejoice that God has remembered them  
          and has brought them back to you.  
4        For God has ordered that every high mountain  
          and the everlasting hills be made low,  
5        And the valleys filled up to make level ground  
          so that they may walk safely in the glory of God.  
6        The woods and every fragrant tree  
          have shaded them at God's command.  
7        For God will lead his people with joy  
          in the light of his glory  
          with the mercy and righteousness that comes from God.

*Baruch 5.5,6c,7-9*

**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.**  
**Lead us, O God,  
with joy to walk in the light of glory.**

**The Second Reading**  
*From the Old Testament*

*After a short pause for reflection, this responsory is said*

**All**    Now it is time to awake out of sleep,  
**for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**



- 7 And you, child, shall be called the Most High, •  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation •  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God •  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, •  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68–79*

**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.**

**Look towards the East, O Jerusalem,**  
**And see the glory that is coming from God.**

*Prayer of intercession and thanksgiving are offered, ending with this Collect or a special Collect for the day.*

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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
as our Saviour has 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.**

## 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.**