

Evening Prayer - Tuesday and daily in Advent

THE BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

A light, which may be the Paschal Candle, is brought in, or a candle may simply be lit.

Your word, O God, is a lantern to our feet
And a light upon our path.

The light of Christ be with you

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Blessèd are you,

Creator of light and darkness!

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 glory coming among us.

Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness

and free our tongues to sing your praise,

Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life:

Blessèd be God for ever!

While the other candles are lit the following or another suitable hymn may be sung.

A SONG OF THE LIGHT

Light of the world, in grace and beauty,

Mirror of God's eternal face,

Transparent flame of love's free duty,

You bring salvation to our race.

Now, as we see the lights of evening,

We raise our voice in hymns of praise;

Worthy are you of endless blessing,

Sun of our night, lamp of our days.

Verses from PSALM 141 may be said:

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,

the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,

and guard the door of my lips.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,

the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;

let me not be occupied in wickedness.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God,

in you I take refuge;

do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

THE OPENING PRAYER may be said:

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. **Amen.**

A tērā e puta ake he wana i te take i a Hehe, a ka whai hua tētahi peka e tupu ake
i roto i ōna pakiaka; ka noho hoki te wairua o Ihowa ki runga i a ia. *Ihāia 11.1*

E te Atua Matua

I ārahi nei ngā tamariki o Iharaira

Te kai hanga, te kai hōmai i te kawenata

Tuhia ki roto i ō mātou ngākau ngā akoranga o āu ture

Ko te whiwhinga ko te hari koa ki te rongopai

I puāwai mai i roto i tāu tama i a Ihu Karaiti

I whakamanatia e te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

THE WORD OF GOD — *see the introduction*

the Psalm(s) - the following may be used, those in the Lectionary, or those in the Alternate Table of Psalms

Week 1 & Sundays in Advent — Psalm 80

- 1 Hear O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock:
shine forth from your throne
upon the cherubim.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your strength and come to our rescue.
- 3 Restore us again O God:
show us the light of your face
and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you set your face
against your people's prayer?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears in plenty to drink.
- 6 You make a mockery of us to our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us again O God of hosts:
show us the light of your face
and we shall be saved.
- 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt:
you drove out the nations and planted it in.
- 9 You cleared the ground for it:
and when it had taken root it filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered with the shade of it:
and its boughs were like those of mighty cedars.
- 11 It stretched out its branches as far as the sea:
and its shoots as far as the river.
- 12 Why then have you broken down its fences:

- so that all who go by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The boar out of the forest roots it up:
and the beasts of the field devour it.
- 14 Turn to us again O God of hosts:
look down from heaven and see.
- 15 Bestow your care upon this vine:
upon its stock
which your right hand has planted.
- 16 As for those who burn it with fire,
and cut it down:
let them perish at the frown of your face.
- 17 Let your hand rest
upon the one at your right hand:
the one you have made so strong
for your service.
- 18 Then we will never forsake you:
O give us life, and we will call upon your name.
- 19 Restore us again Lord God of hosts:
show us the light of your face
and we shall be saved.

*Living God, you called your people out of Egypt
and gave them the covenant;
prepare our hearts to hear your call,
so that we may receive with joy the gospel of your Son
and be your faithful people,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Week 2 and Mondays in Advent — Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes:
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants are on the hand
of their masters:
and the eyes of a maid on the hand
of her mistress,
- 3 so our eyes are on you O Lord our God:
as we wait till you show us your favour.
- 4 Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy:
for we have had more than enough
of contempt.
- 5 Too long have we suffered the scorn
of the wealthy:
and the contempt of the arrogant.

*Almighty God,
give us such a vision of your purpose
and such an assurance of your love and power,
that we may ever hold fast the hope
which is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Week 3 & Tuesdays in Advent — Psalm 144

- 1 Blessed be the Lord my rock:
who trains my hand for war
and my fingers for battle,
- 2 my strength and my fortress,

- my stronghold and my refuge,
my shield in whom I trust:
 who brings people under my rule.
- 3 Lord, what are we mortals
 that you should care about us:
 mere human beings that
 you should give us a thought?
- 4 Each of us is like a puff of wind:
 our days are like a passing shadow.
- 5 Lower your heavens O Lord and come down:
 touch the mountains and they shall smoke.
- 6 Send out your lightnings, and scatter the enemy:
 shoot out your arrows and put them to flight.
- 7 Reach down your hand from on high
 and rescue me:
 snatch me out of the deep waters,
 from the hands of alien foes,
- 8 whose mouths utter things that are false:
 and whose right hand is raised in perjury.
- 9 I will sing you a new song O God:
 I will sing your praises on a ten-stringed lute.
- 10 You give victory to kings:
 and deliverance to David your servant.
- 11 Save me from the cruel sword:
 deliver me from the hands of aliens,
- 12 whose mouths utter things that are false:
 and whose right hand is raised in perjury.
- 13 May our sons in their youth
 be like well-grown saplings:
 and our daughters like
 sculptured pillars at the corners of palaces.
- 14 May our barns be full to overflowing
 with every kind of provision:
 our sheep bear young
 in thousands upon thousands
 in our fields.
- 15 May our cattle be fat and strong,
 suffering no miscarriage or untimely birth:
 and may there be no cries of distress
 in our streets.
- 16 Happy are the people
 to whom such blessings fall:
 happy the people whose God is the Lord.

*Eternal God,
protector of all who put their trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy;
fill us with your mercy and your grace
that with you to rule and guide
we may so use the good things of this present life
that we do not neglect things of eternal worth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Week 4 & Wednesdays in Advent — Psalm 11

- 1 In the Lord I have taken refuge:
how then can you say to me,
‘Flee like a bird to the mountains.
- 2 ‘See how the wicked are bending their bow,
and fitting their arrow to the string:
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.
- 3 ‘If the foundations are destroyed:
what can the righteous do?’
- 4 You O Lord are in your holy temple:
your throne is in heaven.
- 5 Your eyes are upon humankind:
you take our measure at a glance.
- 6 You put the righteous and the wicked to the test:
those who delight in violence your soul abhors.
- 7 On the wicked you shall rain
coals of fire and brimstone:
scorching wind shall be their portion to drink.
- 8 For you are just O Lord,
and you love just dealing:
the upright shall behold your face.

*Eternal God, shed your light on us who watch for you,
that our lips may praise you,
our hearts bless you,
and our lives glorify you,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Week 5 & Thursdays in Advent — Psalm 12

- 1 Help Lord, for there is not one godly person left:
the faithful have vanished from among us.
- 2 They all speak falsely to their neighbours:
they flatter with their lips,
but dissemble in their double heart.
- 3 O that the Lord would cut off all flattering lips:
and the tongue that speaks so boastfully.
- 4 They have said, ‘With our tongue we will prevail:
our lips are our own, who is Lord over us?’
- 5 ‘Because the poor are oppressed:
and because of the groans of the needy,
- 6 ‘I will arise,’ says the Lord:
‘and give them the place of safety they long for.’
- 7 The words of the Lord are pure
as silver refined in a furnace:
as gold that is purified seven times in the fire.
- 8 Protect us O Lord:
and guard us from this generation for ever,
- 9 for the wicked flaunt themselves on every side:
and the worthless are exalted
among the people.

*God for whom we wait and watch,
give us courage to speak the truth
even to the point of suffering. Amen.*

Week 6 & Fridays in Advent — Psalm 42

- 1 Like a deer that longs for the running streams:
so do I long for you my God.
- 2 My soul is thirsting for you O God,
thirsting for the living God:
when shall I come to appear in your presence?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night:
while all day long they ask me,
'Where now is your God?'
- 4 This I remember as I pour out my soul in distress:
how I went with the throng,
and led them to the house of God,
- 5 amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving:
from people keeping a holy day.
- 6 Why are you cast down my soul:
and why are you so troubled within me?
- 7 Wait in hope for God:
for I will yet praise the one
who is my saviour and my God.
- 8 My soul is cast down within me:
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan,
from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.
- 9 Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waters:
all your waves and your torrents pass over me.
- 10 You will grant me loving-kindness by day:
and at night I will sing to you,
and pray to the God of my life.
- 11 I say to God my rock,
'Why have you forgotten me:
why do I go mourning
because the enemy oppresses me?'
- 12 I am like one whose bones are broken to pieces:
through the taunting of my enemies,
- 13 while they say to me all day long:
'Tell us, where now is your God?'
- 14 Why are you cast down my soul:
and why are you so troubled with in me?
- 15 Wait in hope for God:
for I will yet praise the one
who is my saviour and my God.

*God of our pilgrimage,
we have found the living water.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forth on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Week 7 & Saturdays in Advent — Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you O Lord:
give heed O Lord to my cry.
- 2 Let your ears consider well:

- the plea I make for mercy.
- 3 If you should keep account of what is done amiss:
who then O Lord could stand?
 - 4 But there is forgiveness with you:
therefore you shall be revered.
 - 5 I wait for you Lord with all my soul:
and in your word is my hope.
 - 6 My soul waits for you O Lord:
more than those who watch by night
long for the morning,
more I say than those who watch by night
long for the morning.
 - 7 Wait in hope for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is love unfailing:
and with the Lord there is ample redemption.
 - 8 The Lord will redeem you:
from all your many sins.

*All-seeing God,
teach us to be open with you about our needs,
to seek your support in our trials,
to admit before you our sins,
and to thank you for all your goodness. Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

If there are two Scripture Readings, the first may be read before the OT Canticle, or both may be read after it.

Either: THE DESERT SHALL BLOSSOM

- 1 The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
it shall rejoice with gladness and singing.
- 2 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed:
and the majesty of our God.
- 3 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened:
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 4 then shall the lame leap like the hart:
and the tongue of the dumb shall sing for joy.
- 5 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness:
and streams in the desert.
- 6 The ransomed of the Lord shall return:
and come with singing,
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
- 7 They shall obtain joy and gladness:
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35.1, 2, 5, 6, 10

Glory to . . .

Or: **PEACE FOR THE NATIONS**

- 1 In days to come the mountain
of the Lord's house:
will be established
as the highest of the mountains.
- 2 It will be raised above the hills:
and all the nations will flock to it.
- 3 Many peoples will come and they will say:

- ‘Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
4 ‘that we may be taught the ways of the Lord:
and may walk in the right paths.’
5 From the mountain of the Lord
shall go forth the law:
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
6 The Lord will judge between the nations:
and settle disputes for many peoples.
7 They shall beat their swords into ploughshares:
and their spears into pruning hooks.
8 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation:
nor ever again prepare for war.
9 Come O house of Jacob:
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 2.2-5

Glory to . . .

Or Song of Praise B. THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

The Short Scripture Reading may be used, or those from the lectionary, either is followed by the Responsory, or

This RESPONSE to the reading may be used:

My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:

In your word is my hope.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: THE MAGNIFICAT

Refrain:

**You have come to the help of your servant,*
remembering your promise of mercy.**

Or, from Advent Sunday until 16 December:

**Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,*
the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

Or, from 17 December until Christmas Eve:

- 17 **O Wisdom,* coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, and
reaching mightily from one end of the earth to the other, ordering all
things well:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.**
- 18 **O Adonai,* and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in
the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.**
- 19 **O Root of Jesse,* standing as a sign to the people, before whom kings
shall shut their mouths and whom the nations shall seek:
Come and deliver us and do not delay.**
- 20 **O Key of David,* and sceptre of the house of Israel, who opens and no
one can shut, who shuts and no one can open:
Come and bring the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell
in darkness and the shadow of death.**
- 21 **O Dayspring,* splendour of light eternal and
sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death.**

- 22 **O Ruler of the nations,* and their desire, the corner-stone making both one:
Come and save us, whom you formed from the dust.**
- 23 **O Emmanuel,* our Sovereign Lawgiver, the desire of all nations and their Saviour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

Or, on feasts of Religious:

**You have left all things and followed me:*
you will be rewarded a hundred times over and gain eternal life.**

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my saviour,
- 2 for you Lord have looked with favour
on your lowly servant:
and from this day all generations will call me
blessèd.
- 3 You O Most Mighty have done great things for
me:
and holy is your name.
- 4 You have mercy on those who fear you:
from generation to generation.
- 5 You have shown the strength of your arm:
you have scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 You have cast down the mighty from their
thrones:
and have lifted up the lowly.
- 7 You have filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich you have sent away empty.
- 8 You have come to the help of your people:
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
- 9 the promise you made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to God: Source of all being,
Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Or

**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 refrain is repeated after the canticle.

THE PRAYERS

Intercession and Thanksgiving are offered in free prayer or in silence, ending with the following, [or some other appropriate litany or prayer]:

For you alone, O God, our soul in silence waits,
for truly our hope is found in you.

Lord, have mercy. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

Awake, O God, and decree justice;

let the peoples gather around you.
Christ, have mercy. E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai.

Send forth your strength, O Lord;
establish, O God, what you have wrought in us.
Lord, have mercy. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

THE COLLECT for the day, or for Tuesdays

Remember, merciful God,
what you have made of us and not what we deserve;
and as you have called us to your service,
make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour . . .

The Collect for Advent

Creator God,
We praise you for your love in coming to us,
unworthy though we are.
Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name,
and the courage to be Christ for others;
through the Word made flesh,
even Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

The Lord's Prayer follows

Looking for the coming of God's kingdom
and as Christ teaches us we pray . . .

THE CONCLUSION

THE BLESSING

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

ko tēnei rānei

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu,
ake ake. Āmine.**

Or, in Advent:

May Christ who is to come find us watching and waiting. Amen.
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.