



An Order of Prayer for ADVENT

We all say the words in bold

WELCOME AND GREETING

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we might behold your power and glory.

A candle may be lit

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever.

[HYMN or SONG]

CONFESSION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things hidden
in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

A Kyrie confession is introduced with suitable words.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

A suitable prayer of absolution is offered.

THE COLLECT

FIRST READING

[HYMN or SONG]

GOSPEL READING

REFLECTION/ADDRESS

[HYMN or SONG]

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS

concluding with 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.**

THE PEACE

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

[HYMN or SONG]

CLOSING PRAYER

This prayer may be said

Lord our God, on the first day of creation you made the light that scatters the darkness. Let Christ, the light of lights, hidden from all eternity, shine at last on your people and free us from the darkness of sin.

Fill our lives with joy as we go out to welcome your Son at his coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

BLESSING