

## Morning Prayer for Advent

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome

Hymn

One thing I have asked of the Lord,  
this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life;  
to behold the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek Him in His temple.

Who is it that you seek?

**We seek the Lord our God.**

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek Him with all your soul?

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek Him with all your mind?

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek Him with all your strength?

**Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

*Silence*

Saying sorry to God

A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'  
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence  
and faith.



God, through Jesus Christ,  
will judge the secret thoughts of all:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,'  
will enter the kingdom of heaven:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Let anyone who has an ear  
listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May God the Father forgive *us our* sins  
And bring *us* to the eternal joy of his kingdom  
Where dust and ashes have no dominion  
**Amen.**

**To whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life, and we have  
believed and have come to know that You are  
the Holy One of God.**

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of  
endless glory.**

*Lighting the Advent wreath*

## Listening and responding to God's word

Bible readings from the Old and New Testaments

*At the end of each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Sermon

Hymn

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:

**for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:

for with his blood,  
**he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

## Praying

Special Prayer for today

Prayers of intercession

*The response to*

Maranatha

**/s Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

Concluding with:

**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.**

Going out to serve God

Notices and banns of marriage

Hymn

Blessing

***We hope you will stay for refreshments***

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