

## COLLECT FOR ADVENT

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. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom  
in the words our Saviour taught us:

**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 may be sung*

## CONCLUSION

With love and compassion, **Come, Lord Jesus.**  
With judgement and mercy, **Come, Lord Jesus.**  
In power and glory, **Come, Lord Jesus.**  
In wisdom and truth, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*\* The weekly Homilies Project sheet can be downloaded from:*

<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/the-homilies-project>



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## A Service of the Word

for use during Advent 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December

*Please join in with the words in bold.*

♦ *Invites a pause between lines.*

## PREPARATION

Let us worship God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

May Christ, the true, the only light  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you  
in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung*

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

*cf 1 Corinthians 4.5*

*A short period of silence for reflection*

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Gospel printed on the Homilies Project sheet\* and at least one of the other readings referenced there is read.*

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

*The Song of the Wilderness is said between readings:*

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, ♦  
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.  
**They shall see the glory of the Lord, ♦  
the majesty of our God.**

Strengthen the weary hands, ♦  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
**Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,  
your God is coming with judgement, ♦  
coming with judgement to save you.'**

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, ♦  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
**Then shall the lame leap like a hart, ♦  
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, ♦  
and streams in the desert;  
**The ransomed of the Lord shall return with  
singing, ♦  
with everlasting joy upon their heads.**

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, ♦  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**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**

## HOMILY (*see the Homilies Project sheet\**)

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of  
God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore, God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.      Amen.**  
*cf Philipians 2.6-11*

## PRAYERS

*The intercessions below may be used with or  
without appropriate insertions.*

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.  
That God may bring in his kingdom  
with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord:      **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations  
his sceptre of righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord:      **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the broken hearted,  
restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord:      **Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of  
death,  
let us pray to the Lord:      **Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:      **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is now alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.      **Amen.**      *pto...*