

Daily Morning Prayer

1. Opening Sentences of Scripture

Advent

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40:3

Christmas

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

2. Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the deceits & desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-1 John 1:9

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

-John 3:16

3. The Invitatory

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise the Lord.
People The Lord's name be praised.

Our King and Savior now draws near:
O come, let us adore him.

4. Canticle or Hymn: *In place of the traditional Venite, Jubilate or Pascha Nostrum, Read, Sing, Listen to, Meditate on a verse or the whole of one of the following Advent Hymns*

Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory over the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring, come & cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

Veiled in Darkness Judah Lay

Veiled in darkness Judah lay, Waiting for the promised day,
While across the shadowy night, Streamed a flood of glorious light,
Heav'nly voices chanting then, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Still the earth in darkness lies. Up from death's dark vale arise
Voices of a world in grief, Prayers of those who seek relief:
Now our darkness pierce again, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Light of light, we humbly pray, Shine upon Thy world today;
Break the gloom of our dark night, Fill our souls with love and light,
Send Thy blessed Word again, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Creator of the Stars of Night

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting Light;
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
Should doom to death an universe,
Hast found the med'cine, full of grace,
To save and heal a ruin'd race.

Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the Bride,
As drew the world to evening-tide;
Proceeding from a Virgin shrine,
The spotless Victim all divine.

At whose dread Name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow
And things celestial thee shall own,
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

O thou, whose coming is with dread
To judge and doom the quick & dead
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From ev'ry insult of the foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honour, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

5. Scripture Readings

*The Daily Office*¹

Date	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Nov 30	146, 147	Isa 1:1-9	2 Pet 3:1-10	Matt 25:1-13
Mon, Dec 1	1- 3	Isa 1:10-20	1 Thes 1:1-10	Luke 20:1-8
Tues, Dec 2	5, 6	Isa 1:21-31	1 Thes 2:1-12	Luke 20:9-18
Wed, Dec 3	119:1-24	Isa 2:1-11	1 Thes 13-20	Luke 20:19-26
Thur, Dec 4	18:1-20	Isa 2:12-22	1 Thes 3:1-13	Luke 20:27-40
Fri, Dec 5	16, 17	Isa 3:8-15	1 Thes 4:1-12	Luke 20:41-21:4
Sat, Dec 6	20, 21	Isa 4:2-6	1 Thes 4:13-18	Luke 21:5-19
Sun, Dec 7	148-150	Isa 5:1-7	2 Pet 3:11-18	Luke 7:28-35
Mon, Dec 8	25	Isa 5:8-23	1 Thes 5:1-11	Luke 21:20-28
Tues, Dec 9	26, 28	Isa 5:13-25	1 Thes 5:12-28	Luke 21:29-38
Wed, Dec 10	38	Isa 6:1-13	2 Thes 1:1-12	John 7:53-8:11
Thur, Dec 11	37:1-18	Isa 7:1-9	2 Thes 2:1-12	Luke 22:1-13
Fri, Dec 12	31	Isa 7:10-25	2 Thes 2:13-3:5	Luke 22:14-30
Sat, Dec 13	30, 32	Isa 8:1-15	2 Thes 3:6-18	Luke 22:31-38
Sun, Dec 14	63, 98	Isa 13:6-13	Heb 12:18-29	John 3:22-30
Mon, Dec 15	41, 52	Isa 8:16-9:1	2 Pet 1:1-11	Luke 22:39-53
Tue, Dec 16	45	Isa 9:1-7	2 Pet 1:12-21	Luke 22:54-69
Wed, Dec 17	119:49-72	Isa 9:8-17	2 Pet 2:1-10a	Mark 1:1-8
Thur, Dec 18	50, 59, 60	Isa 9:18-10:4	2 Pet 2:10b-16	Matt 3:1-12
Fri, Dec 19	40, 54	Isa 10:5-19	2 Pet 2:17-22	Matt 11:2-15
Sat, Dec 20	55	Isa 10:20-27	Jude 17-25	Luke 3:15-20
Sun, Dec 21	24, 29	Isa 42:1-12	Eph 6:10-20	John 3:16-21
Mon, Dec 22	61, 62	Isa 11:1-9	Rev 20:1-10	John 5:30-47
Tues, Dec 23	66, 67	Isa 11:10-16	Rev 20:11-21:8	Luke 1:5-25
Christmas Eve	45, 46	Isa 35:1-10	Rev 22:12-17	Luke 1:67-80

Electronic versions of the Daily Office readings

Phone App: *BCP: Daily Office Reading* (by Logos Creative)

Website: <http://www.esvbible.org/devotions/bcp/>

¹ *The Daily Office is the assigned readings from the Psalms, OT, Epistles & Gospels set in a 2-year cycle, covering the Bible, with some portions (Gospels & Psalms) read more than once; it's used in corporate and church settings or for personal devotions.*

The Lectionary²

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Advent 1: Nov 30	80:1-7,16-18	Isa. 64:1-9	1 Cor. 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Advent 2: Dec 7	85:1-2,8-13	Isa. 40:1-11	2 Pet. 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Advent 3: Dec 14	126	Isa. 61:1-4, 8-11	1 Thess. 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Advent 4: Dec 21	89 or Luke 1	2Sam 7:1-11,16	Rom 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38

On Dec 21, Advent 4, CCV Celebrates Lessons & Carols

Lessons & Carols	1 st Lesson Gen 3:8-15	2 nd Lesson Gen 12:1-4	3 rd Lesson 2 Sam 7:8-14a	4 th Lesson Mic 5:2-5a
Dec 21	5 th Lesson Isa 11:1-9	6 th Lesson Luke 1:26-38	7 th Lesson Luke 2:8-20	

6. Canticles *(choose one of the following)*

Magnificat | *The Song of Mary—Luke 1:46-55*

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For he has regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from now on,
all generations will call me blessed.
For he that is mighty has magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him,
throughout all generations.
He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the humble and meek.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

² Assigned readings for public worship on Sundays and other Holy Days. The Lectionary is ordered in a 3-year cycle to cover most of the Bible including all of the Gospels and Psalms. CCV’s Sermons & Readings during Advent 2014 will be taken from The Lectionary (not the Daily Office), with additions for Lessons & Carols.

Benedictus | The Song of Zechariah—Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
 holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

7. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic³ Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

³ *“catholic” means worldwide, i.e. church visible & invisible or the universal church.*

8. The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

 Lord, have mercy [upon us].
 Christ, have mercy [upon us].
 Lord, have mercy [upon us].

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages⁴

Officiant O Lord, show us your mercy;
People And grant us your salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save our nations;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People And make your chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save your people;
People And bless your inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People For only in you can we live in safety.
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

⁴ *Suffrages are call-and-response prayers taken from the Psalms*

The Collect of the Day⁵

A Collect for Strength to Await Christ's Return (Sunday)

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life (Monday)

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace (Tuesday)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace (Wednesday)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance (Thursday)

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

⁵ *Collect: A short prayer—usually incorporating: (1) a preamble (address to God), (2) a petition (thanksgiving or request), and (3) a concluding meditation or benediction.*

A Collect for Endurance (Friday)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sabbath Rest (Saturday)

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for Mission *(choose one of the following)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Offer Your Own Prayers and Thanksgivings

Spend time talking with God, hearing from him and bringing before him your burdens and thanksgivings, your prayers and praises.

9. The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
But above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Grace (*Choose One of the following*)

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.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. *Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21

OTHER ADVENT RESOURCES

1. Music

Try some of the following artists we've been listening to in the CCV office, whose Advent or Christmas Albums include newer versions of many Advent Hymns:

Bilfrost Arts | *Salvation is Created*, (2009)

The Brilliance | *Advent, Vol. 1* (2009); *Advent B-Sides* (2011)

The Brilliance will be performing at The Miracle Theatre, in D.C. on Dec 16, 2014

High Street Hymns | *One Winter's Night* (2011) Alex Mejias has led worship/music at CCV

Ordinary Time | *In the Town of David* (2007)

Jill McFadden from Ordinary Time will be leading music at CCV for Lessons & Carols (Dec 21) and Christmas Eve (4pm, Dec 24)

www.cardiphonia.org Collection of new liturgical music, provides lists of albums and songs for Advent & Christmas, many available online/streaming

2. Online Advent Devotionals

The Dawning of Indestructible Joy, by John Piper. Available as free PDF Download

<http://www.desiringgod.org/books/the-dawning-of-indestructible-joy>

Advent: A Time to Be Silent, by John Stonestreet

<http://www.colsoncenter.org/reseries/archive/entry/53/23944>

Jesus: The Rescuer of Sinners <http://www.colsoncenter.org/reseries/archive/entry/53/23945>

For Israel: Mary Did Know <http://www.colsoncenter.org/reseries/archive/entry/53/23947>

For Creation: Joy to the World <http://www.colsoncenter.org/reseries/archive/entry/53/23948>

Advent 2014, by The Village Church, (Matt Chandler, Pastor)

Guide for Personal or Family Devotions, available as PDF.

http://thevillagechurch.net/mediafiles/uploaded/a/0e3845269_1416596750_advent-guide-2014.pdf

3. Advent Devotional Books

God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Aug 30, 2010)

Advent and Christmas Wisdom From G. K. Chesterton

The Center For The Study Of C. S. Lewis And Friends and Thom Satterlee (Sept 1, 2007)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus: Experiencing the Peace and Promise of Christmas

Nancy Guthrie (Aug 6, 2008)

Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Henri J.M. Nouwen

Daily Scripture and Prayers together with Nouwen's Own Words (Sept 1, 2004)

4. Meditations on Advent

Longing, Expecting, Preparing: An Advent Meditation by David Naugle

<http://www.worldviewchurch.org/worshiparts/articles/18852-longing-expecting-preparing-an-advent-meditation>

Why Celebrate Advent? by TGC Worship

<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/tgcworship/2013/11/26/why-celebrate-advent/>

