

The Parish of Cannock and Huntington

Building Community with Christ at the Centre

Advent Morning Prayer



Welcome and introduction

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

We are gathered to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope.

And as we seek to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose, we pray for all who at this time especially need his pity and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit: those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope: those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death.

May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence and a new obedience to his sovereign word, for to him is most justly due all glory, honour, worship and praise world without end. **Amen**

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence

that we may behold your power and glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In your tender compassion

the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.

As we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will,

that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Week 1

People of God: awake!

The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face.

Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of
darkness to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and forever. Amen.**

Week 2

People of God: be glad!

Your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save. You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the love of Christ
today and forever. Amen.**

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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 Blessing

The Lord be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to
shine upon us. Help us to be a blessing to each other and our
communities that your ways may be known among us. Let all
the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

Amen

The Dismissal

May the Lord, when he comes,

find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**

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

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Or

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 crucified;
**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**

The Collect

Intercessions

Week 3

People of God: return!

You are called to be God's own. From the mountains announce the good news. God comes in justice and peace, to all who follow his ways. You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ
today and forever. Amen.**

Week 4

People of God: prepare! God, above all, maker of all, is one with us in Christ. Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!

God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth. Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!

God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world he has made. Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!

We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ. Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!

Prayers of Penitence

The minister will say one of these sentences

I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before you, and I am no more worthy to be called your child.

Luke15:18,19

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1John1:8,9

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Matthew 3:2

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

First Reading

At the end of the reading

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

At the end of the reading

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We respond:

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.
Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,
for the night is far spent.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
for the day is at hand.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ
and make no provision for the flesh,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

from Romans 13

Sermon

The Creed

Either

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,**