

MORNING WORSHIP in Advent

Welcome to our worship from Seal Church, led by me, Canon Anne Le Bas. The hymn which ends the service is sung by the choristers of St Martin in the Fields.

At the beginning of our worship in church on the four Sundays of Advent we light candles in church, one more each Sunday, until Christmas day, when we light a fifth candle which reminds us of the birth of the Light of the world. For our online worship during Advent you might like to find five candles of your own and light them one by one each Sunday too, or just a single candle to light each week as we begin our worship.

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.
We say together:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

COLLECT: (PRAYER FOR THE DAY)

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BIBLE READINGS

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SERMON

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LORD'S PRAYER

As we bring our prayers to God, so we pray:

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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HYMN