**Morning Prayer on the Sunday next before Advent**

Sunday 24 November 2024 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

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**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips.

*All* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Reveal among us the light of your presence.

*All* **That we may behold your power and glory.**

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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.

*All*  **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Act of Penitence**

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

*All* **Lord our God,**

**in our sin we have avoided your call.**

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,**

**Like the dew that goes away early.**

**Have mercy on us;**

**deliver us from judgement;**

**bind up our wounds and revive us;**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Absolution*

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**Canticle**

*All* **Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,**

**and see the glory that is coming from God.**

1    Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,

who has come to his people and set them free.

2    He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,

born of the house of his servant David.

3    Through his holy prophets God promised of old

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4    To show mercy to our ancestors,

and to remember his holy covenant.

5    This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6    Free to worship him without fear,

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7     And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the

Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8    To give his people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9    In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10  To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*All :* **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.**

**The Word of God**

*First reading:* Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

**9**“As I looked,

“thrones were set in place,  
    and the Ancient of Days took his seat.  
His clothing was as white as snow;  
    the hair of his head was white like wool.  
His throne was flaming with fire,  
    and its wheels were all ablaze.  
**10**A river of fire was flowing,  
    coming out from before him.  
Thousands upon thousands attended him;  
    ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
The court was seated,  
    and the books were opened.

**13**“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel%207&version=NIV#fen-NIV-21947a)] coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. **14**He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*  **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 93**

**1**The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;  
    the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;  
    indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.  
**2**Your throne was established long ago;  
    you are from all eternity.

**3**The seas have lifted up, Lord,  
    the seas have lifted up their voice;  
    the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.  
**4**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
    mightier than the breakers of the sea—  
    the Lord on high is mighty.

**5**Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;  
    holiness adorns your house  
    for endless days.

**All**  **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.**

**All**  **Lift up your voice with strength,**

**O herald of good tidings.**

### *Second reading* John 18: 33-37

**33**Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

**34**“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

**35**“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

**36**Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

**37**“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*  **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

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**Intercessions**

Let us pray to Jesus our Lord,

who forever lives making intercession for us.

Gracious Lord Jesus, please come to your Church,

empower by your Spirit all Christian people and the

work of your Church in every land. Especially we pray

for those who are displaced and persecuted around the world.

Help us to live in the light and give us a longing for your kingdom to come.

Grant us grace and boldness to proclaim and live out the gospel,

serving the people around us with joy.

Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Saviour of the world

Come to your world as King of the nations.

Be present in all nations and those suffering, violence and pain

and bring hope even in the darkest night.

Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation and peace today.

Maranatha.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Our Healer

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter, stretch

out your hand to bring healing, wholeness and peace

to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

*Especially, we pray for…*

Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of healing love.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

Guide, enable and strengthen all leadership who serve this nation,

local communities, and those we depend on for our daily needs.

Grant that we may seek justice and peace wherever we are.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Conqueror of death,

remember for good those whom we love but see no longer,

*especially we remember the families of …*

Comfort those who mourn and help us all to live this

day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Silence is kept.*

Come, Lord Jesus,

with power and great glory, do not delay,

give new courage to your people,

who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on

earth as in heaven,

where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,

one God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Collect for the day*

Oh Lord Jesus Christ,

who at your first coming sent to your messenger

to prepare your way before you:

grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready your way

by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world

we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;

for you are alive in the reign with the Father in the unity of the holy spirit,

one God, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*All* **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 today 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*

May God the Father,

who loved the world so much he sent his only Son,

to come among us in great humility,

open your eyes to look for his coming again.

*All* **Amen**.

May God the Son,

give you grace to live in the light of his coming as redeemer and judge.

*All* **Amen**.

May God the Spirit,

free us from sin, make you holy and bring you to eternal life.

*All* **Amen**.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us and remain with us, and those we love and pray for, today and always.

*All* **Amen**.

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**Future events**

**Prayer Breakfast at The Rectory**

**The next prayer breakfast will be at 9.00am on Saturday 30 November with Steph.**

**Advent Sunday Songs and Supper**

**December 1st at Oakford Village Hall 6.00pm. Contact the church office** Tel:01884 250417 or 07733949295

**Bible Study Group**

**The next meeting will be held at The Cottage Washfield EX16 9ES**

**Tuesday November 26th at 2.30pm**

If you would like to come, please let me know so that there are the right number of

handouts. Many thanks. Tim Gorringe t.j.gorringe@exeter.ac.uk

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am -12 noon

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