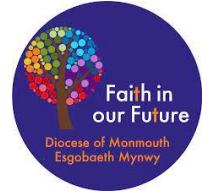


# Diocese of Monmouth Advent Morning Worship



## The Gathering

### *HYMN*

God in Christ has revealed his glory.  
**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.  
**O praise the name of the Lord!**

Father in heaven,  
the Day is drawing near  
when Christ will come in glory  
to illuminate the darkness of the waiting world.  
Dispel the shadows of ignorance  
and remove the clouds of sorrow  
that we may be filled with overwhelming joy.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The appropriate number of candles are lit and the prayer is said.*

### **Advent 1**

Hurry, Lord Jesus, and come to us quickly:  
fill our hearts with excitement  
at your coming into the world.

May your ancient promises  
fulfil the hopes of everyone on earth.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **Advent 2**

Hurry, Lord Jesus, and come to us quickly:  
fill our hearts with praise  
at your coming into the world.

May the message of the prophets  
reach the ears of everyone on earth.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **Advent 3**

Hurry, Lord Jesus and come to us quickly:  
fill our hearts with joy  
at your coming into the world.

May the words of John the Baptist  
open the hearts of everyone on earth.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **Advent 4**

Hurry, Lord Jesus, and come to us quickly:  
fill our hearts with awe  
at your coming into the world.

May the joy of Mary  
fill the lives of everyone on earth.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## The Sending Out

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
**again I say: rejoice.**

Be known to everyone;  
**for your consideration of others.**

The Lord is near;  
**do not be anxious.**

But in everything make your requests known to God;  
**in prayer and petition with thanksgiving.**

Then the peace of God, which passes all understanding;  
**will keep your hearts and minds  
through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*Philippians 4:4-7*

**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.**

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom  
as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### ***HYMN***

## **Confession**

My brothers and sisters,  
let us be alert to the advent of God  
and prepare the Lord's way by turning from sin,  
embracing justice and truth,  
and finding comfort in the Christ who promises peace.

Lord Jesus, you came as our Redeemer  
to announce glad tidings of salvation.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you come as shepherd  
to gather and feed us.  
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you will come as Judge  
to establish a new heaven and a new earth.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

May God our Father,  
who by our Lord Jesus Christ  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and forgives the sins of all who truly repent,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
and grant us the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### *The First Reading*

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Hymn or Psalm*

### *The Gospel Reading*

*The Gospel reading is introduced:*

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint....

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### *The Sermon, address or reflection*

*A Licensed Lay Minister may preach or an address or reflection may be read.*

## An Affirmation of Faith

**I believe and trust in God the Father,  
who created all that is.**

**I believe and trust in His Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed humankind.**

**I believe and trust in His Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God.**

**I believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### *HYMN*

## The Intercession

*Prayers are offered.*

*One of the following responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, raise up your power,  
**and come among us.**