

Advent Morning Prayer at SMB

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.

A Song of the King's Glory – Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ◆
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas ◆
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ◆
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ◆
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ◆
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ◆
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ◆
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 'Who is the King of glory?' ◆
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ◆
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 'Who is this King of glory?' ◆
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.'

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This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody from the Bible In One Year is said.

New Testament

The New Testament reading from the BIOY is said.

Canticle

A Song of the Wilderness is normally said,

- 1 The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, ◆
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.
- 2 They shall see the glory of the Lord, ◆
the majesty of our God.
- 3 Strengthen the weary hands, ◆
and make firm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,
your God is coming with judgement, ◆
coming with judgement to save you.'
- 5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, ◆
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6 Then shall the lame leap like a hart, ◆
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

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- 7 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, ♦
and streams in the desert;
- 8 The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing, ♦
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
- 9 Joy and gladness shall be theirs, ♦
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35.1,2b-4a,4c-6,10

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

Monday: Pray for the elderly & vulnerable in our city and Mercy Ministries

Tuesday: for the Families, Children and Young people of our City

Wednesday: Pray for Alpha and for people to come to faith

Thursday: For our Students and Young Adults

Friday: Pray for our Fellowship Groups and our life together as a church

Saturday: Pray for all those in need in our communities

Sunday: Pray for the church across our city that we would work together in unity

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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 Conclusion

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.