

# Christmas 31st December Morning Prayer



From the Prologue of St John's Gospel

The light to all men had come to the world,  
and the world though made by him, did not know him.  
His own people knew him not, but to all who believed  
he gave power to become the children of God.

Je - sus, Re- deem - er, Lamb of God.  
You are with me al - ways, you are my Lord.

*We pray for peace in the Holy Land and elsewhere as we light the candle.*

O God, come to our aid: O Lord, make haste to help us  
Glory to the Father . . . . .

## Psalm 24

Response



Lord, your ways are faith - ful - ness, your ways are love.

Lord, let me know your ways, teach me the paths to follow.  
Make me walk in truth and teach me for you are God, my saviour.  
Lord, your ways are faithfulness, your ways are love.

Remember your mercy, Lord, the love you have always shown.  
In your love, remember me for your goodness knows no limit.  
Lord, your ways are faithfulness, your ways are love.

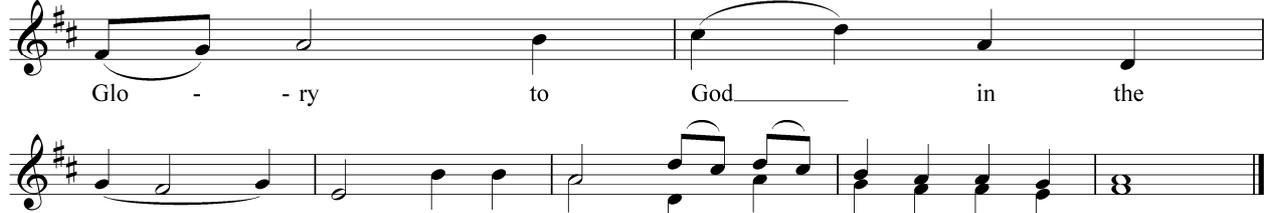
He teaches the poor his way, the humble and those who stray,  
for the Lord is good and upright in faithfulness and love.  
Lord, your ways are faithfulness, your ways are love.

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit now and ever more.  
Lord, your ways are faithfulness, your ways are love.

Let us pray

All-powerful, ever-living God,  
we thank you for the guidance you have given us  
through the birth, life and death of your Son.  
Number us among his people,  
for the salvation of all is found in him,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen.

### Glory to God



Glo - - ry to God \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
high - - est and on earth peace to \_\_\_ peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

*To welcome the Gospel we sing*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
I bring you news of great joy, today a Saviour has been born to us;  
Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **Intercessions**

The Gospel has brought light to this world.  
Let it enlighten the whole human family  
and guide them into the ways of peace.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the year, Lord, we thank you for all you have given us.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

Looking back we ask forgiveness for the selfishnesses in our lives,  
And we thank you for the compassion you have shown us.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

Looking around the world,  
We ask that people everywhere may grow in understanding  
the unity of the human family.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

We pray for the sick and the most vulnerable in our community,  
For our dead, and for those who mourn.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

carol

See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below,  
See the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.

**Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies;  
He who throned in height sublime Sits amid the cherubim. **Chorus**

Say, ye holy shepherds, say What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep On the lonely mountain steep? **Chorus**

"As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels singing peace on earth Told us of the Saviour's birth". **Chorus**

St Andrew Sanctus

St Andrew memorial: When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again, until you come.

St Andrew Agnus Dei

Communion

This is the bread come down from heaven; Whoever eats of it will never die.  
This is the cup of eternal life; Whoever drinks of it will live for ever.

Benedictus

For all our sins will freely be forgiven, the heart of God pours loving-kindness  
forth, God comes to us like dawn comes to the sky  
bringing true light, where darkness once prevailed. So all who live in fear of  
death's dark shadow, God will now guide into the way of peace.

Recessional

The First Noel, the Angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they  
lay in fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was  
so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!