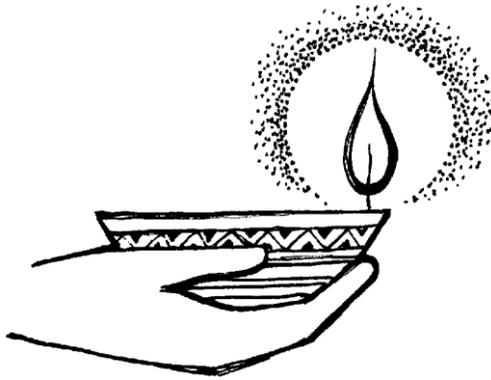


KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL



ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

EVENING PRAYER – THE SEASON OF ADVENT

GREETING

Your word, O God, is lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all:
and also with you.

The Officiant welcomes all to this liturgy.

SENTENCE

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.



HYMN

text: Latin Antiphons; trans: John Neale

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all to mind and eye:
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to grow.
Rejoice...

O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice...

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace.
Rejoice...

PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
ruler of the universe,
creator of light and darkness.
In this holy season,
when the sun's light is swallowed up
by the growing darkness of the night,
you renew your promise to reveal among us
the splendour of your glory,
enfleshed and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son.
Through the prophets
you teach us to hope for his reign of peace.
through the outpouring of his Spirit,
you open our blindness to the glory of his presence.
Strengthen us in our weakness.
Support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will
and free our tongues to sing your praise.
For to you all honour and blessing are due,
now and forever.
Amen.



Let my prayer be as incense to you:
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.



PSALM 141

paraphrase: Michael Perry

O Lord, come quickly when I call;
receive my prayer with favour,
fair as the evening sacrifice,
as incense sweet to savour.

O Lord, I'll seek your way to go –
but strengthen me to choose it;
your oil of grace anoints my head –
my head will not refuse it.

My eyes are fixed on you, O Lord,
though dangers yet surround me;
in life your love will be my rock,
and death shall not confound me.

PSALM

The Psalm will be sung by a cantor.



PRAYER

Lord, teach us the silence of humility,
the silence of wisdom,
the silence of love,
the silence that speaks without words,
the silence of faith.

Lord, teach us
to silence our own hearts and minds
that we may listen
for the movement of your Holy Spirit,
and feel your presence
in the depths of our being.

A short time of silence will follow.



READING

A passage of Scripture is read and may be followed by a short meditation.



A short time of silence will follow.

CANTICLE – *The Magnificat*

text: © Anne Carter

My soul proclaims the Lord my God,
my spirit sings God's praise,
who looks on me, and lifts me up,
that gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy;
for gifts God has outpoured.
This lowly one has been made great.
I magnify the Lord.

For those who fear the Holy One,
God's mercy will not die.
Whose strong right arm puts down the proud
and lifts the lowly high.

God fills the hungry with good things,
and sends the rich away;
The promise made to Abraham
is filled to endless day.

Then let all nations praise our God,
the Maker and the Son,
the Spirit blest, who lives in us,
while endless ages run.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers of Intercession may be offered here.

They conclude with the Intercession Litany:

In peace let us pray to the Lord...

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That all we have done this day

and the people we have met may bring us closer to you:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be forgiven our sins and offences:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That we hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will sustain the faith and hope of the weary,

the lonely, and the oppressed:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will strengthen us in your service,

and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:

we pray to you, O Lord.

short silence

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Do not bring us to the time of trial

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

An anthem will be sung by a cantor.

PRAYER

Lord,
it is night.

The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in your presence.

It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.

The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives
rest in you.

The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.

In your name we pray.
Amen.

BLESSING

Come God, lead us in the way of your light.
Amen.

Come God, lead us in the way of your justice.
Amen.

Come God, lead us in the way of your peace.
Amen.

Come God: Creator, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless your people, this night and always.
Amen.





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