



Lighting of the Advent Candle

The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.  
So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put  
on the armour of light.

Romans 13:12

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Song: From the breaking of the dawn**

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From the breaking of the dawn  
To the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on every promise of Your word.  
Words of power, strong to save,  
That will never pass away,  
I will stand on every promise of Your word.  
For Your covenant is sure,  
And on this I am secure,  
I can stand on every promise of Your word.

When I stumble and I sin,  
Condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on every promise of Your word.  
You are faithful to forgive,  
That in freedom I might live,  
So I stand on every promise of Your word.  
Guilt to innocence restored:  
You remember sins no more!  
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice,  
I will listen for Your voice,  
And I'll stand on every promise of Your word.  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with your hand  
As I stand on every promise of Your word.  
And you've promised to complete  
Every work begun in me,  
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word.

Hope that lifts me from despair,  
Love that casts out every fear,  
As I stand on every promise of Your word.  
Not forsaken, not alone,  
For the Comforter has come,

And I stand on every promise of Your word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me,  
Grace for all who will believe,  
We will stand on every promise of Your word.

**Confession**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the  
things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our  
sins.

1 Corinthians 4:5

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Bible Reading Psalm 118:15-29 To read together**

Shouts of joy and victory  
resound in the tents of the righteous:  
"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!  
The LORD's right hand is lifted high;  
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.  
The LORD has chastened me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.  
This is the gate of the LORD  
through which the righteous may enter.  
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected  
has become the capstone;  
the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O LORD, save us;  
O LORD, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you.  
The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light shine upon us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures for ever.

### **Bible Reading 2 Thessalonians 1**

Colin Dyck

### **Sermon *Confidence in Christ the Judge***

Ali Burrows

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers** Brian Whalley

#### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Hymn: Christ is surely coming**

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Christ is surely coming, bringing His reward,  
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord;  
Root and Stem of David, brilliant Morning Star -  
Meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and  
far;  
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and  
far!

See the holy city! There they enter in,  
men by Christ made holy, washed from every sin;  
thirsty ones, desiring all He loves to give:  
Come for living water, freely drink, and live;  
come for living water, freely drink, and live!

Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name -  
Father, Son, and Spirit, evermore the same!  
Hear the certain promise from the eternal home:  
'Surely I come quickly!' - Come, Lord Jesus, come;  
'Surely I come quickly!' - Come, Lord Jesus, come!

### **Closing Prayers**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us,  
scatter the darkness from before our path,  
and make us ready to meet him when he comes in  
glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**