

# BECCLES PARISH

## Morning Prayer *for Advent*

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### Preparation

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
Reveal among us the light of your presence  
**that we may behold your power and glory.**



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. **Amen.**

### The Word of God

#### *Psalmody*

*The appointed psalm is said.*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

#### *Scripture Reading*

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,  
**for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,  
**for the night is far spent.**

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
**for the day is at hand.**

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ  
and make no provision for the flesh,  
**for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.** *from Romans 13*

## Canticle

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

*From Advent Sunday until 16 December:*

**Refrain: Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,  
and see the glory that is coming from God.**

*From 17 December until Christmas Eve:*

**Refrain: Like the sun in the morning sky,  
the Saviour of the world will dawn;  
like rain upon the meadows,  
the Christ will come down upon us.**

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

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## **Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered*

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day or the following is said*

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 is said*

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

**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.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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