
Evening Prayer

Advent

Friday



Please join in with the words in BOLD.

Preparation:

We meet together with one purpose;

To prepare a place for Jesus.

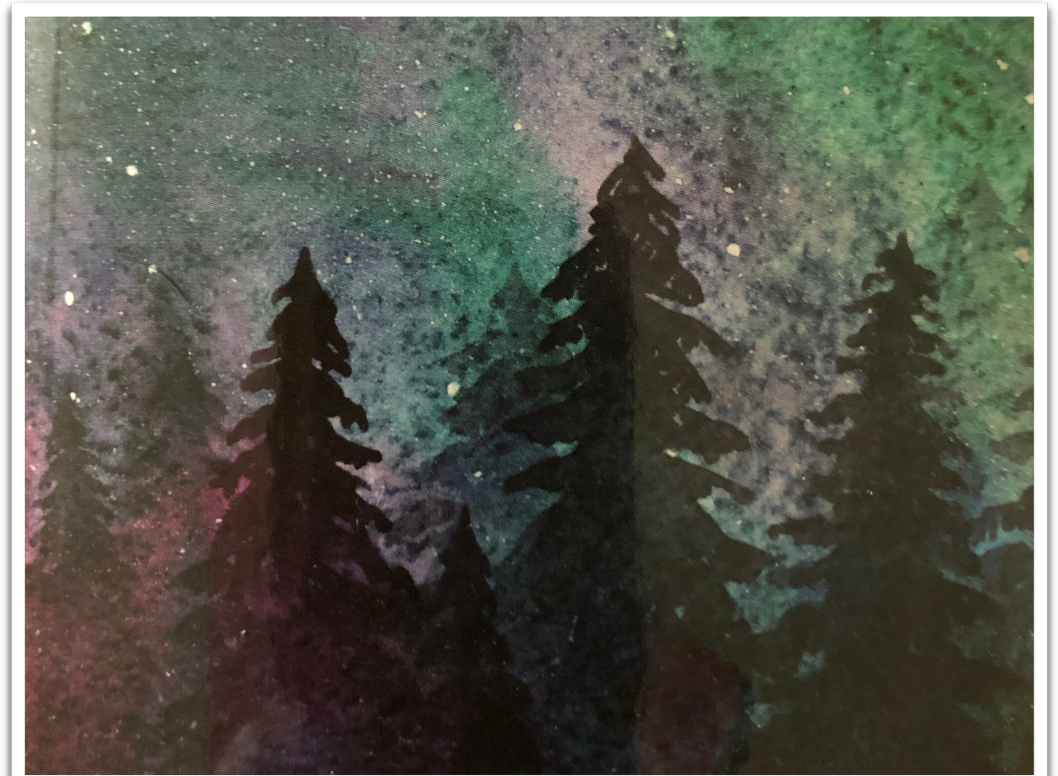
We do not know the time or day,

But we will be ready with open hearts.

Let us make a welcome here,

Let us make a welcome for Jesus.

Lord Jesus, we have gathered together this evening to prepare our hearts and minds to welcome you once more into our lives. We come with our joys and sorrows as we hold before you our day in a moment of quiet reflection.



Here is a place for you, Lord Jesus,
**Just as our hands have made
it ready, so make our hearts
ready to welcome you.
Be born again,
not in a manger, but in us.**

Make us your Bethlehem, where
God is personal and all things and all
people are made new.

Amen

*Reading and Reflection from Advent &
Christmas, waiting in Joyful Hope by
Catherine Upchurch.*



Let us pray (*prayer from reflection booklet*)

Amen

Circle us, Lord

Circle us with the light of your
presence, help us to be your light
within dark places.

Enable us to overcome fear and
temptation

Enable us to be victors over sin and
despair

Enable us to become that which you
would desire

Lord of creation,

Circle us with your light



Circle us, Lord
Circle our friends and family within the
shelter of your outstretched arms.
Protect them in each moment of their
daily lives.
Protect them in the decisions that they
face.
Protect their homes and relationships.

Lord of creation,
**Circle our families with your
light**

We lift before the Lord all who have
asked for our prayers this evening....

Lord of creation,
**Circle those in need with your
light**



Circle us, Lord
Circle this nation with Advent love
and hope.
Create a desire in each of us to
listen to the Advent message and to
share that with those we meet.
Create a willingness to understand
and respond with a generous
outpouring of love.

Lord of creation,
**Circle our nation with your
light**



Circle us, Lord
Circle this world with the joy of
your Salvation
Where there is sickness and disease
bring healing
Where there is hunger and despair
bring hope
Where there is torture and
oppression bring release

Lord of creation,
**Circle our world with your
light**

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers for the
sake of your son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**



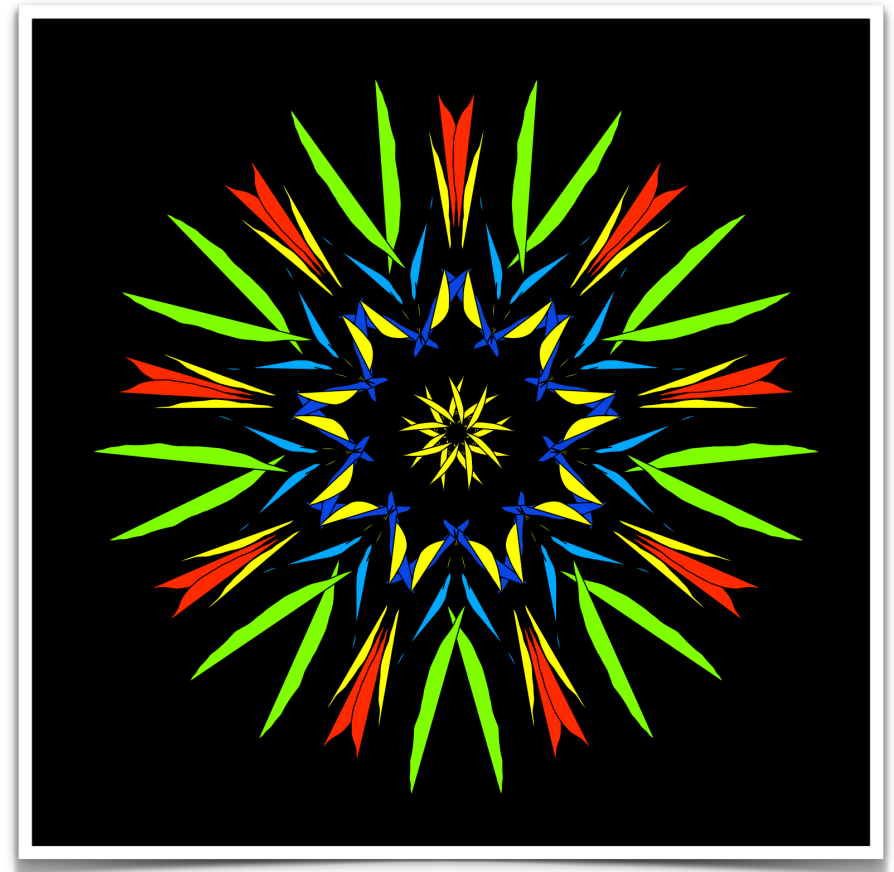
Lord, thou hast given us thy Word
for a light to shine upon our path;
grant us so to meditate on that
Word, and to follow its teaching,
that we may find in it the light that
shines more and more until the
perfect day; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

(Jerome, c 342 - 420)

Amen.

Let us join together to say the
prayer that Jesus left us, using
whatever version or language we
are used to using.

Our Father....



May God Bless us this Advent and find us ready
and prepared to welcome Jesus.

Amen

Let us live in peace and hope.

Thanks be to God

