
Evening Prayer

Advent

Thursday



Please join in with the words in **BOLD**.

Preparation:

We meet together with one purpose;

To prepare a place for Jesus.

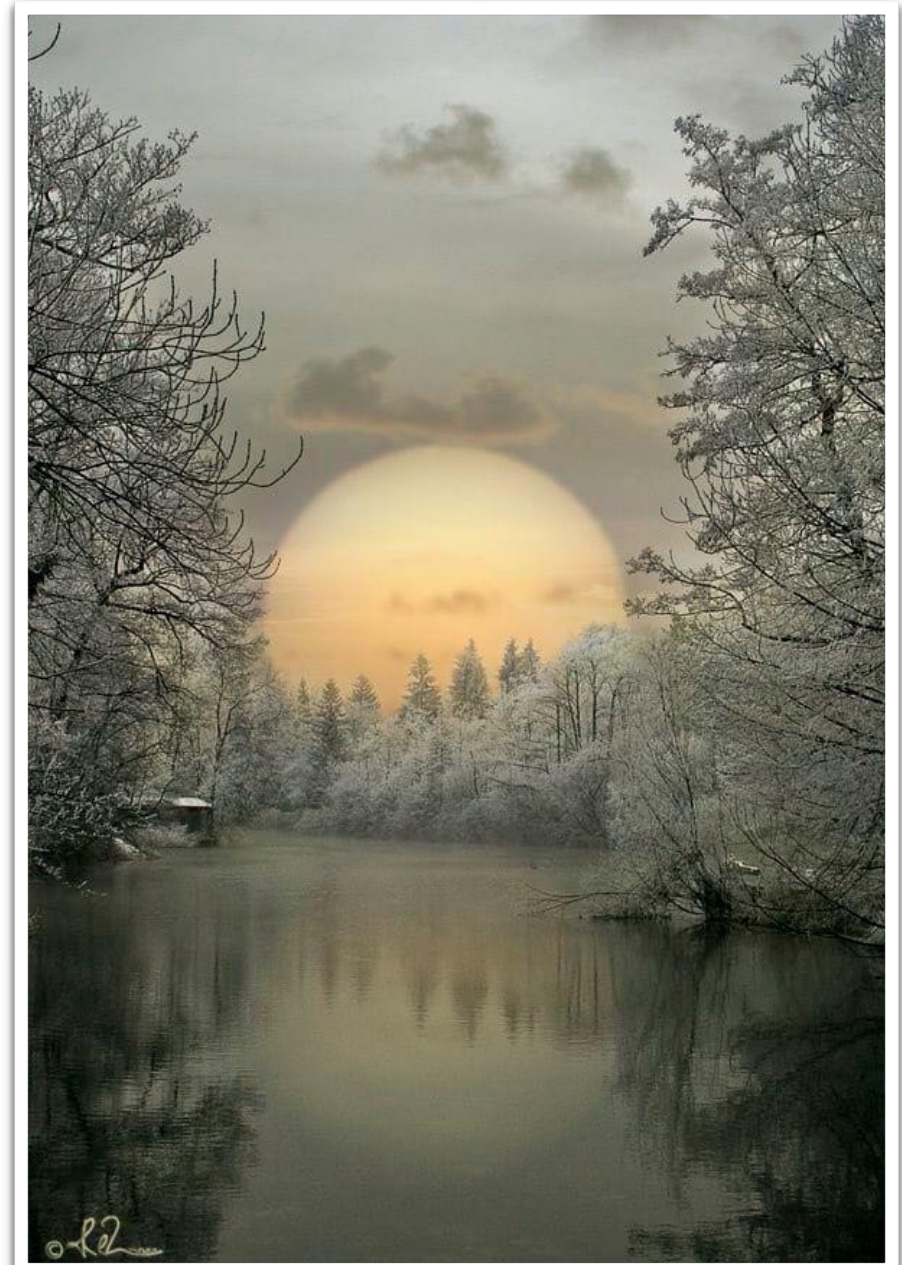
We do not know the time or day,

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

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship
might echo in this space
and also throughout our lives.
Prepare our hearts
To welcome you

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in mission,
that the hope within
might be the song we sing,
and the melody of our lives.
Prepare our minds
To welcome you



In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in service,
that the path we follow
might lead us from a stable
to a glimpse of eternity.

Prepare our bodies

To welcome you

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in prayer,
that our inner most thoughts
might lead us to you,
as we follow the star on our
journey.

Prepare our minds

To welcome you



In a moment of quiet we bring the people and places who are on our hearts this evening, especially remembering those who have asked for our prayers.....

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



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.



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

