

*Haldon Team Evening Prayer for Advent
on Thursday at 5pm*

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we may behold your power and glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator of light and darkness,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

As evening falls, you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

May your word be a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path

that we may behold your coming among us.

Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness
and free our tongues to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind. *Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever. **Amen**

The appointed psalm is said, ending with:

**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

My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
in your word is my hope.

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There is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared.

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and to the Holy Spirit.

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The Magnificat

**Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**

- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.**
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,**
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Luke. 1.46–55

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Prayers concluding with:

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.

Awaiting his coming in glory,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught
us

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Advent Reflection

The Conclusion

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.