

Saturday Prayers

Week-end of December 2nd – 3rd 2017

First Sunday of Advent - The Sunday of Hope

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21. 28

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and 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 in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us let us find our rest in thee. Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King; born to reign in us for ever; now thy gracious kingdom brings.

(Charles Wesley)

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil our desires:

Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one; come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. (From the Ancient O sapientia Antiphons)

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". Source of all light, send your Son Jesus Christ to shine in our dark world that we may have the Light of Life.

Come, Lord Jesus, come soon. Amen

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of light and darkness.
In this holy season of Advent, when the sun's light is swallowed up by the growing
darkness of the night, you again reveal the promise of salvation in the birth of
Jesus Christ, born to be the Saviour of the world.
Jesus, open now our eyes to behold the peace of your presence; Strengthen our
weakness, support us in our efforts to do your will. Bring us into the Christmas
Festival to celebrate His presence, to live in His peace, to express His love, to
proclaim Him Lord of all.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Amen, Amen and Amen.

Blessings. nnDnn Archdeacon Ron Matthewman, Vicar General Emeritus