*Readings: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8*

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

O Lord, you have shown us the path of life;

*We will set the Lord always before us.*

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

*We will set the Lord always before us.*

In your right hand there are pleasures forever;

*We will set the Lord always before us.*

We rejoice in your goodness and rest in the hope of your promises;

*We will set the Lord always before us.*

This is our God. Praise him, all you people, for he is our help and our salvation. I invite you to add your own praises to the Lord.

***Silence****.*

You are worthy, Holy God, to receive all our praise. We worship you in the glory of your perfect Trinity and ask for grace to steadfastly believe and proclaim your unity.

We pray for your holy catholic church;

*That we might turn many to righteousness.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

You, Lord Christ, have promised to come again;

*Give your church an enduring faith.*

For our brothers and sisters who struggle with suffering, reproach, and affliction;

*May they hold fast their confidence in you.*

I invite you to add your own prayers for the worldwide church.

***Silence.***

Creator of the earth, you spoke the world into existence and sustain all things by your life giving word. Consider the toil and sorrow of the people of the earth and, in your compassion, have mercy on the world.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;

For the refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger;

*Relieve and protect them, O Lord, and grant them eternal hope in you.*

Teach us how to rightly steward the gift of your creation,

*That the resources of the world would be used to your honor and glory.*

I invite your prayers for the needs of the world.

***Silence.***

God of all love and peace, we come to you in faith, offering you access into every area of our lives.

You, the awe-inspiring Living God, are our portion and our cup;

*You are the Lord, our good above all other.*

You have given us a goodly heritage;

*Cultivate gratitude in our hearts.*

You are always faithful, and you have opened the way for us to draw near to you.

*Give us unwavering faith to follow you in all things.*

Sharpen us when we, the people of Advent Anglican, meet together,

*That we would be stirred up to love and good works.*

We look to you, Lord of all, mindful of our helplessness;

*Glorify your name in the midst of our need.*

I invite you to cast all your cares and concerns on the Lord, remembering that He cares for you.

***Silence***.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We believe in you, Lord Christ.

We cry out to you, Father God.

We receive your witness, Holy Spirit.

Abide with us as we abide in you this week and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.