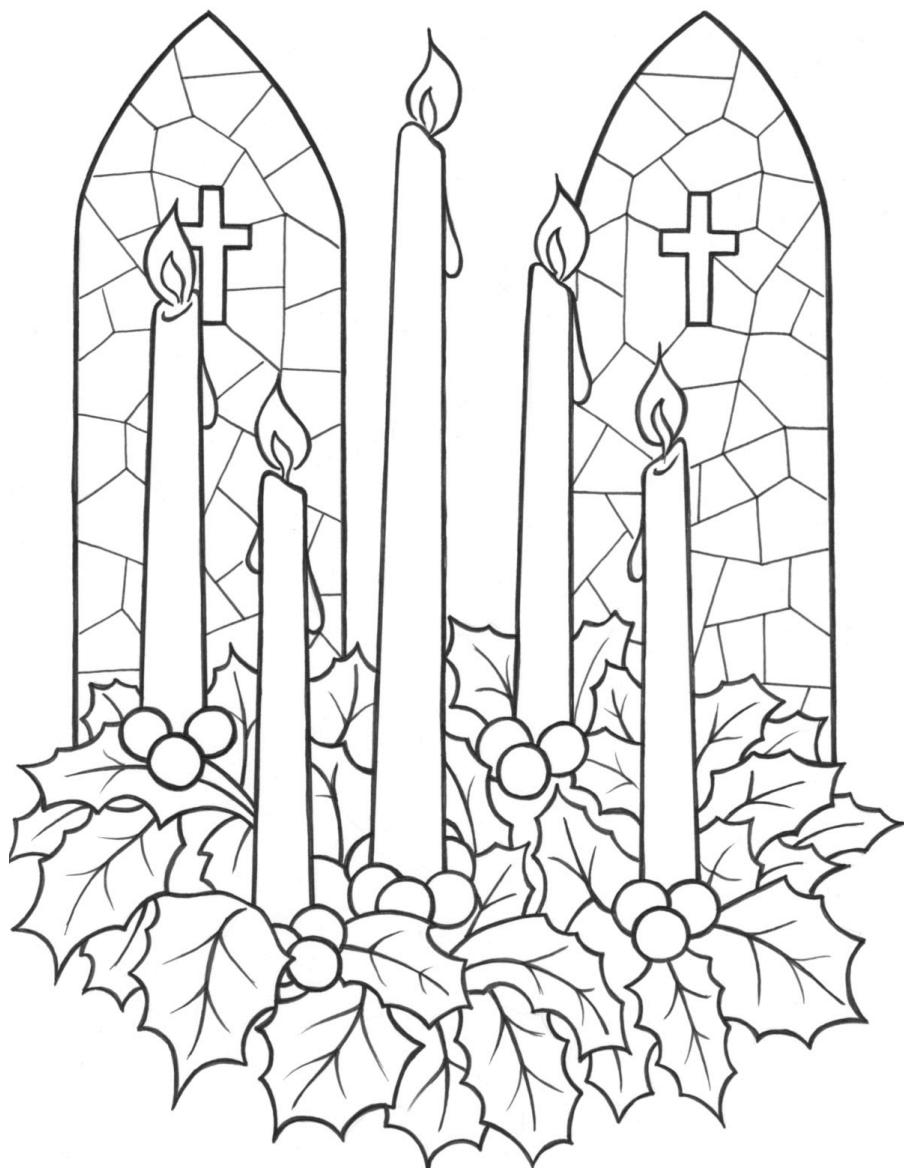


# *Advent Wreath Prayers*



for men's voices  
MORLEY / BYRD / A.J.

## Advent 1

ALTO SOLO

Bles - sed are

you, Sov - er-eign Lord, God of our an - ces - tors,

to you be praise and glo - ry for ev - er.

CHORUS AND ORGAN (*tone 2 fauxbourdon adapted from Thomas Morley*)

ALTO

TENOR You called the Pa - tri - archs to live by the light of faith: and

BASS I

BASS II

to jour - ney in the hope of your pro - mised ful - fil - ment.

May we be o - be - dient to your call and be rea - dy and

watchful to re - ceive your Christ: a lamp to our feet and a light to our

path;

BASS I SOLO

for you are our light and our sal - va -

This section shows the first four measures of the Bass I Solo part. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by quarter notes on A, C, D, and E. Measures 3 and 4 feature eighth-note patterns on A, B, C, D, and E, with a melodic line on the word 'light'.

ALTO

Bles - sed be God for ev - er,

TENOR

Bass I Solo CHORUS Bles - sed be God for

BASS II

tion. Bles - sed be God, be God for

This section shows measures 5 through 10. It includes parts for Alto, Tenor, Bass I Solo, Chorus, and Bass II. The Alto and Tenor sing the lyrics 'Bles - sed be God for ev - er,'. The Bass I Solo and Chorus sing 'Bles - sed be God for'. The Bass II part joins in with 'Bles - sed be God, be God for'.

for ev - er, for ev - er.

This section shows measures 11 through 16. The Alto and Tenor continue their vocal line with 'for ev - er,'. The Bass I Solo and Chorus provide harmonic support. The Bass II part continues its rhythmic pattern.

## Advent 2

ALTO SOLO

Bles - sed are

you, Sov - er - eign Lord, just and true, just and

true, to you be praise and glo - ry for ev - er.

**CHORUS AND ORGAN (tone 4 fauxbourdon adapted from Thomas Morley)**

ALTO  
TENOR  
BASS I  
BASS II

Of old you spoke by the mouth of your pro - phets: but in our days you

speak through your Son whom you have ap - point - ed the heir of all things.

Grant us, your peo - ple, to walk in his light: that we may be

found rea - dy and watch - ing when he comes a - gain in glo - ry and

judge - ment;

BASS I SOLO

for you are our light and our sal - va -

This section shows three staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The middle staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

ALTO

Bles - sed be God for ev - er, for

TENOR

BASS I SOLO CHORUS Bles - sed be God for ev - er, for

BASS II

tion. Bles - sed be God, be God for ev -

Bles - sed be

This section shows five staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The middle staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The vocal lines consist of eighth and sixteenth notes.

ev - er, for ev - er.

ev - er, for ev - er.

er, for ev - er, for ev - er.

God for ev - er, for ev - er.

This section shows five staves. The top staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The middle staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The bottom staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The vocal lines consist of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Advent 3

ALTO SOLO

Bles - sed are

you, Sov - er - eign Lord, just and true, just and

true: to you be praise and glo - ry for ev - er.

**CHORUS AND ORGAN (tone 6 fauxbourdon adapted from Thomas Morley)**

ALTO Your pro - phet John the Bap - tist was wit - ness to the truth:

TENOR

BASS I

BASS II

as a burn - ing and shin - ing light. May we your

ser - vants re - joice in his light: and so be led to

wit - ness to him who is the Lord of our com - ing king -

dom,

BASS I SOLO

Je - sus our Sa - viour and king of the a -

This section of the musical score features a bass solo part and a full chorus. The bass solo part begins with a sustained note followed by eighth-note patterns. The chorus part enters with a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The key signature is A major (two sharps), and the time signature is common time.

ALTO

TENOR

BASS I SOLO

CHORUS

BASS II

Bles - sed be God for ev - er, for ev -

Bles - sed be God, bles - sed be God for

ges. Bles - sed be God, be God for ev -

Bles - sed be God for

This section continues the chorale-style setting. It includes parts for Alto, Tenor, Bass I Solo, Chorus, and Bass II. The lyrics "Blessed be God" are repeated multiple times. The music consists primarily of sustained notes and simple eighth-note patterns.

er, for ev - er.

ev - er, for ev - er.

er, for ev - er.

ev - er, for ev - er.

This section continues the chorale-style setting. The lyrics "er, for ev - er." are repeated three times. The music consists primarily of sustained notes and simple eighth-note patterns.

## Advent 4

ALTO SOLO

**ALTO SOLO**

Bles - sed are  
you, Sov - er - eign Lord, mer - ci - ful and gen - tle:  
to you be praise and glo - ry for ev - er.

**CHORUS AND ORGAN (tone 6 fauxbourdon adapted from Thomas Morley)**

**ALTO**  
**TENOR** Your light has shone in our dark - ened world, through the  
**BASS I**  
**BASS II**

child - bear - ing of bles - sed Ma - ry; grant that we who have

seen your glo - ry may dai - ly be re - newed in your im -

age, and pre - pared like her for the com - ing of your

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Son,

BASS I SOLO

who is the Lord and Sa - viour of

ALTO

BLESSED BE GOD, BE GOD FOR

TENOR

BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER, BE GOD

BASS I SOLO CHORUS

all. BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER, FOR

BASS II

BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER, FOR EVER, FOR

ever, for ever, for ever.

for ever, for ever, for ever.

ever, for ever, for ever.

ever, for ever, for ever.

## Christmas Day

ALTO SOLO

Bles - sed are

you, Sov - er-eign Lord, King of Peace, King of

Peace: to you be praise and glo - ry for ev - er.

*CHORUS AND ORGAN (tonus peregrinus fauxbourdon adapted from William Byrd)*

ALTO                    8                    8                    8  
 TENOR                 The new light of your in - car - nate Word gives  
 BASS I                 8                    8                    8  
 BASS II                 8                    8                    8

glad - ness in our sor - row, and a pres - ence in our

i - so - la - tion. Fill our lives with your

light, un - til they o - ver - flow with glad - ness and

praise.

BASS II SOLO

Je - sus our Sa - viour and King of the a -

This section shows the Bass II Solo part. The first measure has a fermata over the bass clef. The second measure starts with a bass note followed by eighth notes. The third measure begins with a bass note, followed by eighth notes and sixteenth notes. The fourth measure starts with a bass note, followed by eighth notes and sixteenth notes.

ALTO

Bles - sed be God, be God for

TENOR

Bles - sed be God for ev - er, bles - sed be God

BASS I

BASS II

CHORUS

Bles - sed be God, be God for

ges. Bles - sed be God, be God for

This section shows the Alto, Tenor, Bass I, Bass II, and Chorus parts. The Alto and Tenor sing "Bles - sed be God, be God for". The Bass I and Bass II sing "Bles - sed be God for ev - er, bles - sed be God". The Chorus joins in with "Bles - sed be God, be God for ges. Bles - sed be God, be God for". The vocal parts are supported by harmonic bass notes.

ev - er, for ev - er.

for ev - er, for ev - er.

ev - er, for ev - er.

ev - er, for ev - er.

This section shows the Alto, Tenor, Bass I, Bass II, and Chorus parts continuing their vocal parts. The Alto and Tenor sing "ev - er, for ev - er.". The Bass I and Bass II sing "for ev - er, for ev - er.". The Chorus joins in with "ev - er, for ev - er.". The vocal parts are supported by harmonic bass notes.

