

Morning Prayer

(Second Sunday of Advent - Year B)



The Liturgy Letter

O God, make speed to save us
O Lord, make haste to help us
-Psalm 70:1

Opening Scripture

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.
-Psalm 40:1

Hymn - [Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus](#)

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.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.
Text: Charles Wesley, 1744 / Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830

Confession

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.
-2 Peter 3:13-14

Let us confess our sins to God:

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

**Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

-from Psalm 51

Silence

You, Lord, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins...

I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

-Psalm 85:1-2, 8-8

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice O Lord, according to your faithful love:

**He has heard our voice and is faithful and just
to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Amen.

Opening Psalm

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (NIV)

For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

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you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

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and covered all their sins...

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9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

11 Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
12 The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
13 Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Scripture Readings

[Isaiah 40:1-11](#)

[2 Peter 3:8-15a](#)

(All stand)

[Mark 1:1-8](#)

(A short silence after the reading of the Gospel)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, our baptism calls us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world:

Intercessions (Spontaneous prayers - say "out loud" the names of those who come to mind that you would like to bring before God.)

- o We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)
- o We pray for our sisters and brothers...(churches, Christians, spiritual leaders)
- o We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors
- o We pray for the day and its tasks, individuals in need, the world and its needs, and for the Church and her life.

Lord, may we watch for you in faith and hope. In your compassion, protect us by your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**If praying with others, stand and hold hands*

A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent (from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance...So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

-2 Peter 3:8-9, 14-15

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Closing Hymn - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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