

Morning Prayer

(Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B)



The Liturgy Letter

We pray to you, O Lord; you hear our voice in the morning;
at sunrise we offer our prayers and wait for your answer.
—based on Psalm 5:2-3

Silence

O Antiphon

O Flower of Jesse's stem,
You have been raised up as a sign for all peoples;
Kings stand silent in your presence;
the nations bow down in worship before you.
Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid

O Key of David,
O Royal Power of Israel;
Come, break down the prison walls of death
for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death; and lead your captive people into freedom

Hymn - Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He the Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

Praise Him, O ye heaven of heavens!
Praise Him, angels in the height!
Every power and every virtue
Sing the praise of God aright:
Let no tongue of man be silent,
Let each heart and voice unite,
Evermore and evermore!

*Author: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; Translator: H. W. Baker; Translator: J. M. Neale
Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM*

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Silence

May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Opening Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (NIV)

A maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

1 I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

2 I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

3 You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,
4 'I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations...'"

19 Once you spoke in a vision,
to your faithful people you said:
"I have bestowed strength on a warrior;
I have raised up a young man from among the people.

20 I have found David my servant;
with my sacred oil I have anointed him.

21 My hand will sustain him;
surely my arm will strengthen him.
22 The enemy will not get the better of him;
the wicked will not oppress him.
23 I will crush his foes before him
and strike down his adversaries.
24 My faithful love will be with him,
and through my name his horn will be exalted.
25 I will set his hand over the sea,
his right hand over the rivers.
26 He will call out to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, the Rock my Savior.'

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

[2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16](#)

[Romans 16:25-27](#)

(All stand)

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

(A short silence after the reading of the Gospel)

Magnificat - Luke 1:46b-55 (NIV)

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

The Prayers of the People (Adapted from *The Book of Daily Prayer*)

Heavenly Father, you have called us to remember to pray for the Church and the world,
and for the ongoing ministry of the gospel, that it may increase and make disciples of all
nations. And so we pray:

For your Church in this place and around the world...

Intercessions are said

For our nation’s leaders, for the leaders of other nations, and for all in authority
throughout the world, and in our own community.

Intercessions are said

For this place, for every city and community, and for those who live in them.

Intercessions are said

For the good earth which you have given and for the wisdom and will to conserve it as
faithful stewards. For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of harvest.

Intercessions are said

For the weak, fatherless, poor, oppressed, and needy.

Intercessions are said

For friends, relatives, and neighbors, and for the day and its tasks, we pray:

Intercessions are said

For answered prayer and new life.

Intercessions are said

That we may end our lives in faith and hope. Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us by your grace, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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

A Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

(from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

Let the just rejoice,
for their justifier is born.
Let the sick and infirm rejoice,
For their saviour is born.
Let the captives rejoice,
For their Redeemer is born.
Let slaves rejoice,
for their Master is born.
Let free men rejoice,
For their Liberator is born.
**Let All Christians rejoice,
For Jesus Christ is born.**

-St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-440)

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

Let us bless our Lord.

He has come to save us.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn - Of the Father's Love Begotten

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!