

# Morning Prayer Form

(Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C)



The Liturgy Letter

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

## Opening Scripture

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.  
-Isaiah 40:5

*Silence*

## Hymn - [Come, Oh Redeemer, Come](#)

Father enthroned on high, Holy, holy  
Ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.

*Come, oh Redeemer, come, Grant us mercy.  
Come, oh Redeemer, come, Grant us peace.*

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving,  
Faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down.

*Come, oh Redeemer, come, Grant us mercy.  
Come, oh Redeemer, come, Grant us peace.*

Look now upon our need; Lord be with us.  
Heal us and make us free from our sin.

*Come, oh Redeemer, come, Grant us mercy.  
Come, oh Redeemer, come, Grant us peace.*

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## Confession (from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Let us confess our sins to God.

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your  
Name. Amen.

*Silence*

I delight greatly in the Lord;  
my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,  
-Isaiah 61:10a

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.

## Psalm 80:1-7 (NIV)

*For the director of music. To the tune of "The Lilies of the Covenant."  
Of Asaph. A psalm.*

1 Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth 2 before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Awaken your might; come and save us.

3 Restore us, O God;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

4 How long, Lord God Almighty,  
will your anger smolder  
against the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

6 You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,  
and our enemies mock us.

7 Restore us, God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved...

17 Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

18 Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.

19 Restore us, Lord God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

## **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**

[Micah 5:2-5a](#)

[Hebrews 10:5-10](#)

*(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)*

[Luke 1:39-55](#)

(A short silence is observed after the reading of the Gospel)

## The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus Dominus Deus - Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Intercessions (A time of spontaneous prayers and intercessions. Say “out loud” the names and situations that you would like to bring before God.)

Lord, like Mary, may we may live our lives in submission to your will. Defend us, deliver us, and 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. If praying individually, stand with hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the Orans](#).*

## 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**

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

-1 Thessalonians 5:23

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

Let us bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## **Closing Hymn**

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*Come, oh Redeemer, come, Grant us peace.*

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