

Morning Prayer Form

Advent 1 - Year A



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 Wisdom,
O Holy Word of God,
You govern all creation with your strong, yet tender
care. Come, and show your people the way to
Salvation.

O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel,
who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush,
who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain:
Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free

Hymn - Lord, Jesus Christ (Taize)

Lord, Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us;
Let not my fears or my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us;
Let our hearts ever hope in Your love!

Words & music: Jacques Berthier, Taizé, France

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you, through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left
undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

**forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve
you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. 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: Venite “O Come”

Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9,13

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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.**

Psalm 122 (NIV)

A song of ascents. Of David.

1 I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

2 Our feet are standing
in your gates, Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built like a city
that is closely compacted together.

4 That is where the tribes go up—
the tribes of the Lord—
to praise the name of the Lord
according to the statute given to Israel.

5 There stand the thrones for judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May those who love you be secure.

7 May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels.”

8 For the sake of my family and friends,
I will say, “Peace be within you.”

9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your prosperity.

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Scripture Readings

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

[Romans 13:11-14](#)

(Stand for the reading of the Gospel)

[Matthew 24:36-44](#)

(a short silence is kept after the reading of the Gospel)

Profession of Faith (from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

God of all creation, full of love and abounding in mercy;
May the whole earth be filled with your glory.
Lord, bless and guide all ministers of your church;
Clothe them in righteousness and grant them wisdom.
Direct the leaders of our government;
That they may act in accordance with your kingdom.
Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,
To love the things that you love
May we proclaim your light
In every place where there is darkness.
May we proclaim your Holy Name
In every aspect of our lives.

We pray for those in sickness, grief, persecution,
bondage, fear, or loneliness, and for all of our own needs;

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

*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.

To God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, 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 Collect for the First Week of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor
of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit
us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.

Benediction

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.
Let us bless our Lord. Thanks be to God!

Hymn - Doxology (Old 100th)