

Morning Prayer

(Advent 4 - Year A)



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 Radiant Dawn,
Splendor of eternal light,
Sun of justice:
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death

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!

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!

*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: 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 80:1-7, 17-19 (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.

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Scripture Readings

[Isaiah 7:10-16](#)

[Romans 1:1-7](#)

(stand for the reading of the Gospel)

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

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

Te Deum Laudamus (You are God, We Praise You)

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.

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 Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

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. Thanks be to God!

Hymn - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.