

Morning Prayer

(Advent 2 - Year A)



The Liturgy Letter

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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
Controlling at your will the gate of heaven:
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 - [Wait for the Lord](#)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart.

Words & music: Jacques Berthier, Taizé, France

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
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.**
- from Psalm 51

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.

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you

Psalm 63:1-7

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

**My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have seen you in the sanctuary,
and beheld your power and your glory.

**Because your love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live,
and in your Name I will lift up my hands.

**My soul shall be satisfied as with the richest of foods,
and with joyful lips my mouth shall praise you,**

When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you through the watches of the night.

**Because you have been my help,
I will sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.**

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 72:1-7, 18-19 (NIV)

Of Solomon.

1 Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.

2 May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.

3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

4 May he defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.

5 May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.

6 May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.

7 In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

18 Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvelous deeds.

19 Praise be to his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and Amen.

Gloria Patri

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Scripture Readings

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

[Romans 15:4-13](#)

(Stand for the reading of the Gospel)

[Matthew 3:1-12](#) (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.

**Leader will pause appropriately for spontaneous prayers and intercession to be offered after the responsive phrase "...let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer."*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,
and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, for the unity of the church of God,
and for the well-being of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this gathering of the faithful, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the baptized, for all who serve in the church,
[for (names)], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our elected officials, for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this city [town, village, etc.], for every city and community,
and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the good earth that God has given us,
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are aged and infirm, for those who are widowed and orphaned,
and for those who are sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are poor and oppressed, for those who are unemployed and destitute,
for those who are imprisoned and captive, and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For deliverance in times of affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 Second Week of Advent

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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

Hymn - Doxology (Old 100th)