

Morning Prayer Form

Advent 3 / 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 King of all the nations,
the only joy of every human heart;
O Keystone of the mighty arch of man,
Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

O Emmanuel,
King and Lawgiver
Desire of the nations,
Savior of all people,
Come and set us free, Lord, our God!

Hymn - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

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

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.

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O come Thou key of David come, and open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

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

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 146:5-10 (NIV)

5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.

7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,

8 the Lord gives sight to the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

10 The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

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Scripture Readings

[Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

[James 5:7-10](#)

(Stand for the reading of the Gospel)

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

(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 Pray for the people of...(countries or regions)
- o Pray for our sisters and brothers...(churches, Christians, spiritual leaders)
- o Pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors
- o 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 Third Week of Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, 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!

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