

The Daily Office

Advent



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# Daily Morning Prayer

*The Officiant may begin with one or more of these sentences from Scripture*

*On ordinary days in Advent*

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest the master come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35-36*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

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

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One. *Baruch 5:5*

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also. *Isaiah 45:8, NRSV*

*On St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30) or St. Thomas' Day (Dec. 21)*

We give thanks to the Father, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. *Psalms 19:4*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**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. Alleluia.**

*Then follows the Invitatory Psalm, Venite or Deus miseratur (p.3-4).*

*Antiphon on Sundays and weekdays*

Our God and Savior now draws near: **O come let us worship.**

*Antiphon on St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30) and St. Thomas' Day (Dec. 21)*

Our God is glorious in all the saints: **O come let us worship.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; \*

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, \*

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

*Antiphon on Sundays and weekdays*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

*Antiphon on St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30) and St. Thomas' Day (Dec. 21)*

Our God is glorious in all the saints: **O come let us worship.**

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*

**show us the light of your countenance and come to us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*

**your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

**for you judge the peoples with equity**

**and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

**let all the peoples praise you.**

## The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

**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 Readings

*One or two Readings, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After each Reading the Reader may say*

Here ends the Reading.

*Silence may be kept after each Reading.*

*After each Reading, the Cantic appointed is sung or said.*

*On ordinary days in Advent the first Cantic is appointed by day of the week (pp. 6-9).*

*On Major Feasts it is the Te Deum (p. 10).*

*The second Cantic is the Benedictus (p. 11).*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and God's glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

Before I ventured forth,  
even while I was very young, \*

I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.

In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, \*  
and I will seek her to the end.

From first blossom to early fruit, \*  
she has been the delight of my heart.

My foot has kept firmly to the true path, \*  
diligently from my youth have I pursued her.

I inclined my ear a little and received her; \*  
I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.

To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, \*  
for I have resolved to live according to her way.

From the beginning I gained courage from her, \*  
therefore I will not be forsaken.

In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her, \*  
therefore have I gained a good possession.

As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language, \*  
and with it will I offer praise to God.

“Behold, I am coming soon,” says the Lord,  
“and bringing my reward with me, \*  
to give to everyone according to their deeds.  
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, \*  
the beginning and the end.”  
Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,  
that they may have the right to the tree of life, \*  
and may enter the city through the gates.  
“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, \*  
with this testimony for all the churches.  
“I am the root and the offspring of David, \*  
I am the bright morning star.”  
“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride; \*  
“Come!” let each hearer reply!  
Come forward, you who are thirsty, \*  
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, \*  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
It shall blossom abundantly, \*  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord, \*  
the majesty of our God.  
Strengthen the weary hands, \*  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! \*  
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."  
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, \*  
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.  
Then shall the lame leap like a deer, \*  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness \*  
and streams in the desert;  
The burning sand shall become a pool \*  
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.  
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, \*  
with everlasting joy upon their heads.  
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, \*  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

We praise you, O God,  
we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the 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 took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose 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 to 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.

*Luke 1:68-79*

*Antiphon*

In the tender compassion of our God,  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

+ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, \*  
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears, \*  
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, \*  
holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's 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 Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Suffrages

*On ordinary days of Advent*

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

*On Major Feasts (St. Andrew, St. Thomas)*

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. **We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. **For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

*The Officiant says the Collect of the Day as appointed below*

*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 for ever. **Amen.**

*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 for ever. **Amen.**

*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 for ever. **Amen.**

*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 for ever. **Amen.**

*Saint Andrew*

*November 30*

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Saint Thomas*

*December 21*

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Officiant adds the Collect appointed for the day of the week*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

*(Monday)*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Peace*

*(Tuesday)*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Grace*

*(Wednesday)*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Guidance*

*(Thursday)*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Fridays*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*A Collect for Saturdays*

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we,

putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the Officiant adds one of these prayers for mission*

*(Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday)*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*(Monday, Thursday)*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*(Tuesday, Friday)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession may be offered.*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to  
make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through  
your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his  
Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires  
and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of  
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

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*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20-21*



# Daily Evening Prayer

*The Officiant may begin with one or more of these sentences from Scripture*

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before the Holy One. *Psalm 96:9*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

Seek the one who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: whose name is the Lord. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

*On Wednesdays and Fridays, and at other times as desired, the following Confession of Sin is said. Otherwise the Office continues with "O God, make speed to save us" (p. 25).*

*Officiant*                    Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel. Silence may be kept.*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
    opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
    the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."*

The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

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. Alleluia.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

**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 Readings

*One or two Readings, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After each Reading the Reader may say*

Here ends the Reading.

*Silence may be kept after each Reading.*

*The Magnificat (pp. 27-29) is sung or said after the first Reading.*

*If there are two Readings, the Nunc dimittis (p. 31) is sung or said after the second.*

## Antiphons on the Magnificat

*Antiphon on ordinary days in Advent*

**Drop down, you heavens, from above; and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let it bring forth salvation.**

*Antiphon on St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30)*

**In the heavenly realm, the blessed have their dwelling-place, and their rest for ever and ever.**

*Antiphon on the First Sunday of Advent*

**Lift up your eyes, O Jerusalem, and see the power of your Sovereign; behold, the Savior comes to loose you from your chains, alleluia.**

*Antiphon on the Second Sunday of Advent*

**The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God, alleluia.**

*Antiphon on the Third Sunday of Advent (unless it is Dec. 17)*

**Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God, alleluia.**

*Antiphon on Dec. 17: O Sapientia*

**O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

*Antiphon on Dec. 18: O Adonai*

**O Adonai, and leader of the house of Israel, you appeared in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.**

*Antiphon on Dec. 19: O Radix Jesse*

**O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to the peoples; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.**

*Antiphon on Dec. 20: O Clavis David*

**O Key of David, and Scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Come and bring the captives out of the prison house, those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

*Antiphon on Dec. 21: O Oriens*

**O Dayspring, brightness of the Light Eternal, and Sun of Righteousness: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

*Antiphon on Dec. 22: O Rex Gentium*

**O Ruler of the nations, and their Desire, you are the cornerstone who makes us both one: Come and save the creature whom you fashioned from clay.**

*Antiphon on Dec. 23: O Emmanuel*

**O Emmanuel, our Ruler and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

+ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, \*  
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,  
and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you \*  
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm \*  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones \*  
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things \*  
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \*  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our forebears, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.



*Luke 2:29-32*

*Antiphon on ordinary days in Advent*

Come, O Lord, in peace; **visit us with your salvation, that we may rejoice before you with a perfect heart.**

*Antiphon on St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30) and St. Thomas' Day (Dec. 21)*

My eyes, O Lord, **have seen your salvation.**

+ Lord, you now have set your servant free \*

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*

and the glory of your people Israel.

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 Apostles' Creed

*The Creed may be omitted when it has been used earlier at Morning Prayer.*

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

Officiant            The Lord be with you.

People                **And also with you.**

Officiant            Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    **hallowed be thy Name,**  
    **thy kingdom come,**  
    **thy will be done,**

    on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
    **as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**  
    **but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**  
    **and the power, and the glory,**  
    **for ever and ever. Amen.**

Our Father in heaven,  
    **hallowed be your Name,**  
    **your kingdom come,**  
    **your will be done,**

    on earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**  
    **as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**  
    **and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    **and the glory are yours,**  
    **now and for ever. Amen.**

*Then follow the Suffrages*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned  
before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of  
[\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to  
Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

*The Officiant says the Collect of the Day as appointed below*

*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 for ever. **Amen.**

*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 for ever. **Amen.**

*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 for ever. **Amen.**

*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 for ever. **Amen.**

*Saint Andrew*

*November 30*

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Saint Thomas*

*December 21*

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Officiant adds the Collect appointed below for the day of the week*

*A Collect for Sundays*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Peace*

*(Monday)*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

*(Tuesday)*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Protection*

*(Wednesday)*

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Collect for the Presence of Christ*

*(Thursday)*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Fridays*

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Saturdays*

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the Officiant adds one of these prayers for mission*

*(Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday)*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Monday, Thursday)*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

*(Tuesday, Friday)*

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession may be offered.*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to  
make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through  
your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his  
Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires  
and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of  
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

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*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20-21*

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