

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
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EVENING PRAYER

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December 2, 2020

{ Wednesday of the First Week of Advent }



*Stand and make sign of cross*

God, come to my assistance.

— Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

HYMN

You heavens, open from above, that clouds may rain the Just One.

Do not be angry, Lord our God,  
No longer be mindful that we have sinned before you.  
See how Zion, your city, now is left abandoned.  
Zion is left unguarded now, Jerusalem now is desolate:  
City that claimed your loving blessing and worked for your glory,  
City where our fathers sang your praises.

You heavens, open from above, that clouds may rain the Just One.

We know our sin, and we are burdened as with some  
loathsome thing,  
And have fallen down just like leaves in the blast of winter:  
And the sins we have committed just like winds have blown us  
all about.

You have taken from us your brightness and comfort,  
And you have broken us by laying the debt of our sins upon us.

You heavens, open from above, that clouds may rain the Just One.

Lord, now turn to us and see your chosen people's affliction  
And send down him who is to come,  
The One promised, Lamb and yet Lord of all lands,  
From the rock in the desert to the mount of Zion, your daughter,  
That he may bring pardon, freeing us captives of our burden.

You heavens, open from above, that clouds may rain the Just One.

Be you comforted, be you comforted, hear me, my people:  
Soon shall come to you Christ, your Savior.

Why do you give way to sorrowing:  
Has this grieving ended your sadness?  
Your Savior comes, do not be fearful, for it is I, your God  
and your mighty Ruler,  
Zion's Holy One and your Redeemer.

You heavens, open from above, that clouds may rain the Just One.

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

*Psalm 27*

*God stands by us in dangers*

*God now truly dwells with men (Revelation 21:3).*

*I*

The Lórd is my líght and my hélp; \*  
whóm shall I féar?

The Lórd is the stróngthold of my lífe; \*  
before whóm shall I shrínk?

When évil-dóers draw néar \*  
to devóur my flésh,  
it is théy, my énemies and fóes, \*  
who stúmble and fáll.

Though an ármý encámp agáinst me \*  
my héart would not féar.

Though wár break óut agáinst me \*  
even thén would I trúst.

There is óne thing I ásk of the Lórd, \*

for thís I lóng,  
to líve in the hóuse of the Lórd,\*  
all the dáys of my lífe,  
to sávor the swéetness of the Lórd,\*  
to behóld his témples.

For thére he keeps me sáfe in his tént\*  
in the dáy of évil.  
He hídes me in the shéltér of his tént,\*  
on a róck he sets me sáfe.

And nów my héad shall be ráised\*  
above my fóes who surróund me  
and I shall óffer withín his tént †  
a sácrífice of jój.\*  
I will síng and make músic for the Lórd.

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.

### *Antiphon*

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

### *Antiphon 2*

I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.

## *II*

*Some rose to present lies and false evidence against Jesus (Mark 14:57).*

O Lórd, hear my vóice when I cáll;\*  
have mércy and ánsver.  
Of yóu my héart has spóken:\*  
“Séek his fáce.”

It is your fáce, O Lórd, that I séek;\*  
híde not your fáce.  
Dismíss not your sérvant in ánger;\*  
yóu have been my hélp.

Dó not abándon or forsáke me,\*

O Gód my hélp!  
Though fáther and móther forsáke me, \*  
the Lórd will recéive me.

Instrúct me, Lórd, in your wáy; \*  
on an éven path léad me.  
When they líe in ámbush protéct me \*  
from my énemy's gréed.  
False wítnesses ríse agáinst me, \*  
bréathing out fúry.

I am síure I shall sée the Lord's góodness \*  
in the lánd of the líving.  
Hope in hím, hold fírm and take héart. \*  
Hópe in the Lórd!

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.

*Antiphon*

I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.

*Antiphon 3*

He is the first-born of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.

*Canticle – Colossians 1:12-20*

*Christ the first-born of all creation and the first-born from the dead*

Let us give thanks to the Father \*  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints \*  
in light.

He rescued us \*  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us \*  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption, \*  
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,\*  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,\*  
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him;\*  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is.\*  
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! \*  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead,\*  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fulness reside in him \*  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens,\*  
making peace through the blood of his cross.

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.

*Antiphon*

He is the first-born of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.

*Sit*

READING

*1 Corinthians 4:5*

Stop passing judgment before the time of the Lord's return. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and manifest the intentions of hearts. At that time, everyone will receive his praise from God.

RESPONSORY

Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.

— Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.

Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,

— Lord God of power and might.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

— Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.

*Stand*

### GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

The law will go forth from Zion; the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

*Luke 1:46-55*

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Make sign of cross*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, \*  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. \*

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me, \*  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers, \*  
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.

*Antiphon*

The law will go forth from Zion; the word of the Lord from  
Jerusalem.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to God the Father, who sent his Son to bring us endless  
peace:

— Lord, your kingdom come.

Father most holy, look kindly on your Church,  
come and visit this vine which your own right hand has planted.

— Lord, your kingdom come.

Be mindful, Lord, of all the sons of Abraham,  
fulfill the promises you made to their fathers.

— Lord, your kingdom come.

Merciful God, look kindly upon men and women of every race,  
may they honor you for your goodness.

— Lord, your kingdom come.

Eternal Shepherd, visit the sheep of your flock,  
and gather them together into one fold.

— Lord, your kingdom come.

Remember those who have gone forth from this world in your  
peace,  
lead them into glory with your Son.

— Lord, your kingdom come.

*The Lord's Prayer*

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.

*Concluding Prayer*

Lord our God,  
grant that we may be ready  
to receive Christ when he comes in glory  
and to share in the banquet of heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

*Dismissal*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to  
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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