

## Morning Prayer

### The Third Sunday of Advent

Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

*Mark 13:35, 36*

#### Invitatory and Psalter

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*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

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.

#### Jubilate

***Psalm 100***

*Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

*Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.*

#### Psalm 63

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O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*

that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*

my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*

and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.  
[May those who seek my life to destroy it \*  
go down into the depths of the earth;  
Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, \*  
and let them be food for jackals.  
But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; \*  
for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.]

**Psalm 98**

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Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.  
The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.  
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.  
Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.  
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 Lessons**

**The First Lesson Amos 9:11-15**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

On that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen, and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; in order that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name, says the LORD who does this. The time is surely coming, says the LORD, when the one who plows shall overtake the one who reaps, and the trader of grapes the one who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the

ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them upon their land, and they shall never again be plucked up out of the land that I have given them, says the LORD your God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **11. The Third Song of Isaiah    *Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19***

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 his 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.  
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 Second Lesson    *2 Thess. 2:1-3, 13-17***

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**16. The Song of Zechariah**                      *Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
    born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his 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**                                      **BCP p. 96**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
    **He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
    **He 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,  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
    **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

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

## 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.**

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

## Suffrages For Use in Morning Prayer EOW 1 p. 42

- 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.**

## The Collect of the Day

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.**

### **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 Prayer for Mission**

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.**

*Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*