

Evening Prayer II for Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.

Ant. 1 See how glorious he is, coming forth as Savior of all peoples!

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

The Messiah, king and priest

Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him (1 Corinthians 15:25).

The Lord's revelation to my Master: † "Sit on my right: * your foes I will put beneath your feet."

The Lord will wield from Zion † your scepter of power: * rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth † on the holy mountains; * from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. † "You are a priest for ever, * a priest like Melchizedek of old."

The Master standing at your right hand * will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside * and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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Ant. 2 Crooked paths will be straightened, and rough ways made smooth. Come, O Lord, do not delay, alleluia.

Psalm 112

The happiness of the just man

Live as children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Ephesians 5:8-9).

Happy the man who fears the Lord, *
who takes delight in all his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth; *
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house; *
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright: *
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, *
he conducts his affairs with honor.

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The just man will never waver; *
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news; *
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear; *
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor; †
his justice stands firm for ever. *
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry, †
grinds his teeth and fades away; *
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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Ant. Crooked paths will be straightened, and rough ways made smooth. Come, O Lord, do not delay, alleluia.

Ant. 3 Ever wider will his kingdom spread, eternally at peace, alleluia.

Canticle: See Revelation 19:1-7
The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia.
Salvation, glory, and power to our God: *
his judgments are honest and true. *
Alleluia.

Alleluia.
Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, *
all who worship him reverently, great and small. *
Alleluia.

Alleluia.
The Lord our all-powerful God is King; *
Let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory. *
Alleluia.

Alleluia.
The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, *
and his bride is prepared to welcome him. *
Alleluia.

Alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit: *

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READING

Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

RESPONSORY

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

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And grant us your salvation,

– your mercy and love.

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

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GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. 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.

Canticle of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

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, *

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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.

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INTERCESSIONS

To Christ the Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, let us pray with joyful hearts:
Come, Lord Jesus!

Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation you revealed your glory to the world,
– give us new life by your coming.

You have taken our weakness upon yourself,
– grant us your mercy.

You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in humility,
– free us from all guilt when you come again in glory.

You live and rule over all,
– in your goodness bring us to our eternal inheritance.

You sit at the right hand of the Father,
– gladden the souls of the dead with your light.

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
– Amen