

## Evening Prayer II for Second 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 The Lord will come on the clouds of heaven with great power and might, alleluia.

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 great wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside \*

and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, \*

and will be for ever. Amen.

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Ant. 2 The Lord will come; he is true to his word. If he seems to delay, keep watch for him, for he will surely come, alleluia

Psalm 115

Praise of the true God

You have renounced idol worship to serve the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9).

Not to us, Lord, not to us, \*

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but to your name give the glory  
for the sake of your love and your truth, \*  
lest the heathen say: "Where is their God?"

But our God is in the heavens; \*  
he does whatever he wills.  
Their idols are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.

They have mouths but they cannot speak; \*  
they have eyes but they cannot see;  
they have ears but they cannot hear; \*  
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

With their hands they cannot feel; †  
with their feet they cannot walk. \*  
No sound comes from their throats.

Their makers will come to be like them \*  
and so will all who trust in them.

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord; \*  
he is their help and their shield.  
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord; \*  
he is their help and their shield.  
He remembers us, and he will bless us; †  
he will bless the sons of Israel. \*  
He will bless the sons of Aaron.

The Lord will bless those who fear him, \*  
the little no less than the great:  
to you may the Lord grant increase, \*  
to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The heavens belong to the Lord \*  
but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord, \*  
nor those who go down into the silence.  
But we who live bless the Lord \*  
now and for ever. Amen.

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and to the Holy Spirit:  
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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: \*  
Alleluia.

Alleluia.  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen. \*  
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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.

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– Lord, show us your mercy and love.

### GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your great faith; all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you, alleluia.

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, \*  
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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and to the Holy Spirit:  
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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

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance into his company.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
– Amen.