

Evening Prayer II for Third 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 Our Lord will come to claim his glorious throne in the assembly of the princes.

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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and to the Holy Spirit:

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and will be for ever. Amen.

Ant. Our Lord will come to claim his glorious throne in the assembly of the princes.

Ant. 2 Let the mountains break out with joy and the hills with answering gladness, for the world's true light, the Lord, comes with power and might.

Psalm 111

God's marvelous works

We are lost in wonder at all you have done for us, our Lord and mighty God (Revelation 15:3).

I will thank the Lord with all my heart * in the meeting of the just and their assembly. Great are the works of the Lord, * to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his work, * his justice stands firm for ever. He makes us remember his wonders. * The Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to those who fear him; * keeps his covenant ever in mind. He has shown his might to his people * by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and truth, * his precepts are all of them sure, standing firm for ever and ever; * they are made in uprightness and truth.

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He has sent deliverance to his people † and established his covenant for ever. * Holy his name, to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom; † all who do so prove themselves wise. * His praise shall last for ever!

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Ant. 3 Let us live in holiness and love as we patiently await our blessed hope, the coming of our Savior.

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.

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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.

– Lord, show us your mercy and love.

And grant us your salvation,

– your mercy and love.

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

– Lord, show us your mercy and love.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Ant. Are you the One whose coming was foretold, or should we look for another? Tell John what you see: the blind have their sight restored, the dead are raised to life, the poor have the good news preached to them, 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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INTERCESSIONS

To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life, let us make our humble prayer:
Come and stay with us, Lord.

Son of the Most High, your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,
– come and rule over your people for ever.

Holy One of God, in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,
– bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.

Jesus the Savior, the angel revealed your name to Joseph the just man,
– come and save your people from their sins.

Light of the world, for whom Simeon and all the just waited,
– come and comfort us.

O Rising Sun that never sets, Zechariah foretold that you would visit us from above,
– come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
– Amen.