

THE ORDER FOR  
MORNING PRAYER

On the

First Sunday in Advent

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,  
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;  
Show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.  
Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
Stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

Ps. 79:1-2



**Hymn** *Savior of the Nations Come*

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Savior of the nations, come;  
Virgin's Son, here make Thy home!  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood;  
By the Spirit of our God  
Was the Word of God made flesh,  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! Oh wondrous child  
of the Virgin undefiled!  
Mighty God and Mary's son,  
eager now his race to run!

From the Father forth He came  
And returneth to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell  
High the song of triumph swell!

Thou, the Father's only Son,  
Hast over sin the victory won.  
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;  
When shall we its glories see?

Come, O Father's saving Son,  
who o'er sin the victory won.  
Boundless shall your kingdom be;  
grant that we its glories see.

## PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

Repent ye, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. *St. Matt. iii. 2.* Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah xl. 3.*¶

*Then the Minister shall say,*

**D**EARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

### **A General Confession (*said by all*).**

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

## **The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins.**

*To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and ✠ absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**O**UR 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.*

### **Opening Versicles & Responses**

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Answer.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* The Lord's Name be praised.

## PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY.

*All say:* Our King and Savior draweth nigh: O Come, let us adore him.

**Psalm 95.** *Venite, exultemus.*

**O** COME, let us sing unto the LORD;  
\* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;  
\* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God;  
\* and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth;  
\* and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it;  
\* and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down,  
\* and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God;  
\* and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
\* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth;  
\* and with righteousness to judge the world,  
and the people with his truth.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without  
end. Amen.

**All say:** Our King and Savior draweth nigh: O Come, let us adore him.  
**Psalm 25.** *Ad te, Domine, levavi. Prayer Book p. 369*

*An Advent prayer of hope for the covenant promises of Christ - deliverance from troubles, forgiveness of sins, instruction in the way of righteousness.*

**U**NTO thee, O LORD, will I lift up my soul;  
my God, I have put my trust in thee:

\* O let me not be confounded,  
neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed;  
\* but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Show me thy ways, O LORD,  
\* and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me:  
\* for thou art the God of my salvation;  
in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O LORD, thy tender mercies,  
\* and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth;  
\* but according to thy mercy think thou upon me,  
O LORD, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the LORD;  
\* therefore, will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment;  
\* and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth,  
\* unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

- 10 For thy Name's sake, O LORD,  
\* be merciful unto my sin; for it is great.
- 11 What man is he that feareth the LORD?  
\* him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.
- 12 His soul shall dwell at ease,  
\* and his seed shall inherit the land.
- 13 The secret of the LORD is among them that fear him;  
\* and he will show them his covenant.
- 14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the LORD;  
\* for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- 15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;  
\* for I am desolate, and in misery.
- 16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged:  
\* O bring thou me out of my troubles.
- 17 Look upon my adversity and misery,  
\* and forgive me all my sin.
- 18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are;  
\* and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.
- 19 O keep my soul, and deliver me:  
\* let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.
- 20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me;  
\* for my hope hath been in thee.
- 21 Deliver Israel, O God,  
\* out of all his troubles.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 1:1-20** *The Lord's indictment of his people.*

Here beginneth the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth:  
for the LORD hath spoken,  
I have nourished and brought up children,  
and they have rebelled against me.

<sup>3</sup> The ox knoweth his owner,  
and the ass his master's crib:  
but Israel doth not know,  
my people doth not consider.

<sup>4</sup> Ah sinful nation,  
a people laden with iniquity,  
a seed of evildoers,  
children that are corrupters:  
they have forsaken the LORD,  
they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger,  
they are gone away backward.

<sup>5</sup> Why should ye be stricken any more?  
ye will revolt more and more:  
the whole head is sick,  
and the whole heart faint.

<sup>6</sup> From the sole of the foot even unto the head  
there is no soundness in it;  
but wounds, and bruises,  
and putrifying sores:

they have not been closed, neither bound up,  
neither mollified with ointment.

<sup>7</sup> Your country is desolate,  
your cities are burned with fire:  
your land, strangers devour it in your presence,  
and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

<sup>8</sup> And the daughter of Zion is left  
as a cottage in a vineyard,  
as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers,  
as a besieged city.

<sup>9</sup> Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant,  
we should have been as Sodom,  
and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom;  
give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

<sup>11</sup> To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me?  
saith the LORD:

I am full of the burnt offerings of rams,  
and the fat of fed beasts;  
and I delight not in the blood of bullocks,  
or of lambs, or of he goats.

<sup>12</sup> When ye come to appear before me,  
who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

<sup>13</sup> Bring no more vain oblations;  
incense is an abomination unto me;  
the new moons and sabbaths,  
the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with;  
it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed feasts  
my soul hateth:  
they are a trouble unto me;  
I am weary to bear them.

<sup>15</sup> And when ye spread forth your hands,  
I will hide mine eyes from you:

yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear:  
your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash you, make you clean;  
put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes;  
cease to do evil;  
<sup>17</sup> Learn to do well;  
seek judgment, relieve the oppressed,  
judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup> Come now, and let us reason together,  
saith the LORD:  
though your sins be as scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they be red like crimson,  
they shall be as wool.

<sup>19</sup> If ye be willing and obedient,  
ye shall eat the good of the land:  
<sup>20</sup> But if ye refuse and rebel,  
ye shall be devoured with the sword:  
for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

**Canticle:** *The Advent Prose.*

*Refrain:* Drop down, ye heavens, from above, \* and let the skies pour  
down righteousness [*Isaiah 45:8*].

*Cantor.* Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity  
for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness,  
Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers  
praised thee. [*Isaiah 64:10, 11*]

*Refrain.*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a  
leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast  
hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.  
[*Isaiah 64:6, 7*]

*Refrain.*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. [*Isaiah 43:10, 11, 13*] *Refrain.*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry. I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. [*Isaiah 40:1; 44:22; 43:3; Jeremiah 30:10*]  
*Refrain.*

**The Second lesson:** Romans 13:8 and St. Matthew 21:1

Here beginneth the 8<sup>th</sup> verse of the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Epistle of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans. *The nearness of final salvation requires the conversion of our lives now.*

**B**RETHREN: Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Here beginneth the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. *Christ's First Coming in Humility.*

**A**T that time: When [Jesus and his disciples] drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

And when he was come into Jerusalem. all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

**Benedictus. St. Luke i. 68.**

*Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ*

**B**LESSED be the Lord God of Israel; \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, \*  
in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: \*  
for thou shalt go. before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; \*  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE.

### The Apostles' Creed (said be all)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection  of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Minister.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Answer.* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Minister.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Lord's Prayer (*said by all*)

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. Amen.

*Minister.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Answer.* And grant us thy salvation.

*Minister.* O Lord, save the State.

*Answer.* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Minister.* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*Answer.* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Minister.* O Lord, save thy people.  
*Answer.* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Minister.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Answer.* For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.  
*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Answer.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **The Collect of Advent**

**A**LMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

*Amen.*

### **The Collect for Peace.**

**O** God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Collect for Grace.**

**O** Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for all in Civil Authority.**

**O** LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Clergy and People.**

**ALMIGHTY** and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.**

**O** GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*\*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

\* This may be said when any desire the prayers of the Congregation.

## **For the Faithful Departed**

I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

*Answer.* and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom & the Grace.**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* (2 Cor. xiii. 14.)

## **Notices**

Hymn #9 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* Merton

## **The Sermon**

## **THE OFFERING**

While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith. *Gal.* vi. 10.

*After the Anthem is sung, the offering is presented at the altar.*

## **At the Presentation of Alms and Oblations:**

#739 The Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**A General Thanksgiving (*may be said by all*).**

**A**Lmighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Aaronic Blessing.**

The Lord bless ☩ you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN –**

Hymn #3 *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying* Sleepers, Wake

