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Daily Morning Prayer and Collects for Advent 2019

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Invitatory

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Venite *O Come*

Our King and Savior now draws near: *

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the depths of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker

For he is our God, *

**and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Our King and Savior now draws near: *

O come, let us adore him.

²The Psalms

One or more Psalms are read, after which is said:

**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.**

Scripture Reading

A selection from Scripture is read, after which is said:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus - 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 in the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *

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

The Apostles' Creed

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 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

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

○ Lord, show your mercy upon us;

And grant us your salvation.

○ Lord, guide those who govern us;

And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

And let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

And defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day *(from the previous Sunday)*

First Sunday of Advent *(December 1, 2019)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Second Sunday of Advent *(December 8, 2019)*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation, give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Third Sunday of Advent *(December 15, 2019)*

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 forever. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent *(December 22, 2019)*

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself: who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Collect For Guidance

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Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels:
Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Personal Prayer / Collects for Advent

Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered, including any Collects for Advent (see next page and following), after each is said:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The General Thanksgiving

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.**

6 Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Grace *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The + grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Collects for Advent

Written by members of The Table for Advent 2019

1. A Collect For New Hope

O Father, the giver of life, fill us with your breath of new hope in Christ so that we in body, mind, and spirit may see you everywhere as you are. We ask this by your Spirit who is in, with, and among us. **Amen.**

2. A Collect To Find Home

Shepherd God, who does not forget any of your children: Grant us to find our home in you, that we may cease our endless wandering and find true rest in you; through Christ who bears in love his wounds eternally. **Amen.**

3. A Collect For Strength and Courage

O God of love and justice, our protector: Let your light fill every dark, scared, lonely, and weary place. Give us strength and courage to love and serve those in need as we await your final and complete justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4. A Collect For Generosity

O God, our eternal home and resting place, open our senses to your lavish hospitality, so that we may not worry and hold back our own generosity, that we may see how truly rich we are in all things through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5. A Collect For Community

O Lord, you who created humans in your image and called us good: be with us, your beloved children, as we wander this world so that no man, woman, or child would feel alone but know ourselves as your wonderful creation through Jesus Christ who came and wandered this world as a human himself. **Amen.**

6. A Collect For Strength and Courage

O God of eternal light, you who breathe life into every person, who knows and understands the terror that comes when we face agents of the evil one, you who never abandons us: Display your unending glory by giving us grace to welcome the asylum seeker well, to be a comforting community for them, and to show them your light. Thank you for your loving eternal grace in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

7. A Collect For Those Who Must Flee

O merciful God, you who came and dwelt among us as a babe, being born in a stable and fleeing with your earthly parents from your home, be present with and comfort those who likewise are forced to leave what they know and go where they do not know, because you are gracious and loving and full of mercy. We pray this in the name of Jesus of Bethlehem, Jesus of Egypt, Jesus of Nazareth. **Amen.**

8. A Collect For Those Driven From Their Homes

Ever close, ever present Father, who is and who is always near, save and preserve us from all fear and death that we may have hearts to help all your children who are driven from their homes, through your son Jesus Christ, whose love binds us, by the Holy Spirit, within your Holy Family forever. **Amen.**

9. A Collect For the Traumatized

God of the terrorized and traumatized, who weeps with the harassed and helpless, we ask you to command peace in our violence, calm in our fury, and homecoming for the castaway. For the sake of your love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns. **Amen.**

10. A Collect For Reconciliation

O God, Blessed Community in perfect unity and love, you who made one body of Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, rich and poor, strong and weak: Open our hearts and hands to the other. Open our minds and eyes to the barriers we place in the way of unity and love, that we may be your church. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

11. A Collect For Oppressors

O Lord, you who love your enemies perfectly: Free the oppressor from the bond of satan, that we may once again be one family created in your image, and destroy all systems of evil which attempt to strip dignity from the other that we may live freely in love and peace to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

12. A Collect For Those Without Shelter

O Mighty God, the divine advocate and keeper: Watch over and protect those who have no shelter, that they may feel protected, guided, and cherished; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

13. A Collect For Renewal

O Lord, you who enter into exile with us, mourn with us, and weep with us over the loss of our homes, our familiarity, our people. Send us the Comforter that we may be strengthened by the blood of the Lamb, renewed by the word of the Lord, and filled with power to announce your kingdom wherever we may find ourselves for the sake of our savior your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

14. A Collect For Safe Harbor

Almighty God of eternal justice, provide a harbor of compassion and security for the refugee fleeing from persecution, so that the world may know your infinite love and hospitality, through Jesus Christ who suffered for all people. **Amen.**

15. A Collect For Justice

O God, you are our refuge, a haven in the storm, the tower to which we flee. As you provided a safe haven for the Christ child and family when they fled from certain death, we ask not for personal gain, but that your kingdom would be known on the earth and prevail over injustice. God, our refuge, you hear our prayers. We thank you and praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**