



Morning Prayer
December 30 to January 5
Matins

- L: O Lord, open my lips,
C: and my mouth shall declare your praise
- C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- L: Give glory to God our light and our life.
C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

- C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
the heights of the hills are also his,
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- L: Give glory to God our light and our life.
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Psalms

Dec 30 Monday: 93

Lord Jesus, king of glory, when You rose from the grave in the power of the Spirit, You firmly established Your kingdom, never to be shaken or destroyed by death. May Your will be done on earth as in heaven until the Church is made holy by Your embrace, our Redeemer and our Lord. Amen.

Dec 31 Tuesday: 98

Lord, we sing to You a new song, for Your victory is ever new. In the empty tomb You have given us a glimpse of Your future, and in Your victory over death You have shown us how we shall overcome the last enemy. As the seas roar and the hills sing together, we too will praise You for Your great triumph, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Jan 1 Wednesday: 99

Lord our God, King of the universe, You love what is right. Lead us in Your righteousness, that we may live to praise You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jan 2 Thursday: 48

Father, the body of Your risen Son is the temple not made by human hands and the bulwark of the new Jerusalem. Make this holy city, built of living stones, so shine with spiritual radiance that it may show Your greatness in the sight of all nations; for this sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jan 3 Friday: 111

Merciful and gentle Lord, the crowning glory of all the saints, give us, Your children, the gift of obedience, which is the beginning of wisdom, so that we may be filled with Your mercy and that what You command we may do by the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jan 4 Saturday: 20

Lord God, you accepted the perfect sacrifice of Your Son upon the cross. Hear us during times of trouble and protect us by the power of His name, that we who share His struggle on earth may share in His victory in heaven, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Jan 5 Sunday: 96

Lord Jesus, the incarnate Word, when You consented to dwell with us, the heavens were glad and the earth rejoiced. In hope and love we await Your return. Help us to proclaim Your glory to those who do not know You, until the whole earth sings a new song to You and the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lessons:

Dec 30 Monday

Isaiah 25:1-9
Revelation 1:9-20
John 7:53-8:11

Dec 31 Tuesday

Isaiah 26:1-6
2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2
John 8:12-19

Jan 1 Wednesday The Name of Jesus

Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16
Colossians 2:6-12
John 16:23b-30

Jan 2 Thursday

Genesis 12:1-7
Hebrews 11:1-12
John 6:35-42, 48-51

Jan 3 Friday

Genesis 28:10-22
Hebrews 11:13-22
John 10:7-17

Jan 4 Saturday

Exodus 3:1-15
Hebrews 11:23-31
John 14:6-14

Jan 5 Sunday Second Sunday after Christmas

Ecclesiasticus 3:3-9, 14-17

Whoever honors his faith atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honors his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother; he will serve his parents as his masters. Honor your father by word and deed, that a blessing from him may come upon you. For a father's blessing strengthens the houses of the children, but a mother's curse uproots their foundations....

For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you; in the day of your affliction it will be remembered in your favor; as frost in fair weather, your sins will melt away. Whoever forsakes his father is like a blasphemer, and whoever angers his mother is cursed by the Lord.

My son, perform you tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts,

1 John 2:12-17

John 6:41-47

- L: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C: But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.
- C: 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.

L: 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 the shadow of
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer of the day:

Dec 30 Monday

All-powerful God, may the human birth of Your Son free us from our former slavery to sin and bring us new life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 31 Tuesday

Ever-living God, in the birth of Your Son our religion has its origin and its perfect fulfillment. Help us to share in the life of Christ for He is the salvation of mankind, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 1 Wednesday The Name of Jesus

Lord, keep us true in the faith, proclaiming that Christ Your Son, who is one with you in eternal glory, became man and was born of a virgin mother. Free us from all evil and lead us to the joy of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 2 Thursday

God our Father, when Your Son was born of the Virgin Mary He became like us in all things but sin. May we who have been reborn in Him be free from our sinful ways. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 3 Friday

All-powerful Father, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to bring the new light of salvation to the world. May He enlighten us with His radiance, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 4 Saturday

Father, You make known the salvation of mankind at the birth of Your Son. Make us strong in faith and bring us to the glory Your promise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Jan 5 Sunday The Second Sunday after Christmas

God of power and life, glory of all who believe in You, fill the world with Your splendor and show the nations the light of Your truth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

L: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with You mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord almighty bless us,
and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.

C: Amen.

Morning Prayer from LBW and *For All the Saints*

*For 200 years St. John's has been a
bright beacon of Christ's light and life
for the world.*

200 years and the work continues:

That all might know

Christ's Love.

*AS WE REFLECT ON JESUS'
DEATH/RESURRECTION AND GOD'S
UNMATCHED GENEROSITY
TOWARDS US AND ALL CREATION,
WE REALIZE IT'S ONLY BY HIS
GRACE/FORGIVENESS THAT I CAN
EVEN WRITE OR SPEAK ABOUT
GENEROSITY—FOR HIS GENEROSITY
IS BOTH PERFECT AND COMPLETE
IN EVERY WAY.*

***God Loves you
so very much!***

*ST. JOHN'S IS A GROUP OF SINNERS
WHO HAVE BEEN CLAIMED BY GOD
TO GATHER IN THIS PLACE TO
WORSHIP HIM,
TO LEARN ABOUT HIM,
TO BASK IN HIS LOVE,
TO SHARE HIS LOVE WITH EACH
OTHER, AND TO SPREAD THAT LOVE
WITH THE WORLD.*

GRACE
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