



**Morning Prayer**  
**December 9 to December 15**

*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.  
C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

## **Psalms**

**Dec 9 Monday: 145**

Loving Father, You are faithful in Your promises and tender in Your compassion. Listen to our hymn of joy, and continue to satisfy the needs of all Your creatures, that all flesh may bless Your name in Your everlasting kingdom, where with Your Son and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, now and forever. Amen.

**Dec 10 Tuesday: 146**

God of glory and power, happy indeed are those who have put their trust in You. Shine the brightness of Your light upon us, that we may love You always with a pure heart and praise You forever; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Dec 11 Wednesday: 147:1-12**

God our Father, great builder of the heavenly Jerusalem, You know the number of the stars and call each of them by name. Heal hearts that are broken, gather those who have been scattered, and enrich us all from the plenitude of Your eternal wisdom, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Dec 12 Thursday: 147:13-21**

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**Dec 13 Friday: 148**

God Most High, by Your Word You created a wondrous universe, and through Your Spirit You breathed into it the breath of life. Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth, to the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**Dec 14 Saturday: 149**

Lord, let Israel rejoice in You and acknowledge You as creator and redeemer. In your loving kindness embrace us now, that we may proclaim the wonderful truths of salvation with Your saints in glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dec 15 Sunday: 150

Lord God, unite our voices with the praise of all creation, that we may worthily magnify Your excellent greatness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Lessons:**

Dec 9 Monday

Isaiah 5:8-17

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Luke 21:20-28

Dec 10 Tuesday

Isaiah 5:18-25

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Luke 21:29-38

Dec 11 Wednesday

Isaiah 6:1-13

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

John 7:53-8:11

Dec 12 Thursday

Isaiah 7:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Luke 22:1-13

Dec 13 Friday

Isaiah 7:10-25

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

Luke 22:14-30

Dec 14 Saturday

Isaiah 8:1-15

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Luke 22:31-38

Dec 15 Sunday **Advent 3**

Isaiah 13:1-13

Hebrews 12:18-29

John 3:22-30

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 9 Monday

Lord, free us from our sins and make us whole. Hear our prayer, and prepare us to celebrate the incarnation of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 10 Tuesday

Almighty God, help us to look forward to the glory of the birth of Christ our savior: His coming is proclaimed joyfully to the ends of the earth, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 11 Wednesday

All-powerful Father, we await the healing power of Christ Your Son. Let us not be discouraged by our weaknesses as we prepare for His coming. Keep us steadfast in Your love. 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 12 Thursday

Almighty Father, give us the joy of Your love to prepare the way for Christ our Lord. Help us to serve You and one another. 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 13 Friday

All-powerful God, help us to look forward in hope to the coming of our Savior. May we live as He has taught, ready to welcome Him with burning love and faith. 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 14 Saturday

Lord, let Your glory dawn to take away our darkness. May we be revealed as the children of light at the coming of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 15 Sunday **Advent 3**

Lord God, may we, Your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. 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**  
*happens*



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