



Morning Prayer
December 2 to December 8

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 2 Monday: 122

Lord Jesus, give us the peace of the new Jerusalem. Bring all nations into Your kingdom to share Your gifts that they may render thanks to You without end and may come to Your eternal city, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Dec 3 Tuesday: 33

Lord God, through Your Son You made the heavens and earth; through Him You continue to accomplish the intentions of Your heart. Make Your chosen people witnesses of Your truth among the nations and heralds of Your glory in the heavens; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dec 4 Wednesday: 50

Heavenly Father, because Jesus Your servant became obedient to death, His sacrifice was greater than all the holocausts of old. Accept the sacrifice of praise we offer You through Him, and help us show the effects of it in our lives by striving to do Your will, until our whole life becomes adoration in spirit and truth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dec 5 Thursday: 18:1-20

Lord God, our stronghold and our salvation, give us such strength of love that we may reach out to our neighbor without counting the cost, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dec 6 Friday: 102

Lord, while our days vanish like shadows and our lives wear out like a garment, You remain undisturbed by change. Although our earthly lives come to an end, help us to live in Christ's endless life, and at length attain our home, the heavenly Jerusalem, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Dec 7 Saturday: 90

Eternal Father of our mortal race, in Jesus Christ Your grace has come upon us: For His sake, prosper the work of our hands until He returns to gladden our hearts forever. Amen

Dec 8 Sunday: 24

Lord God, ruler and guide of heaven and earth, You made Your Son a priest and brought Him into Your everlasting temple. Open our hearts that the King of glory may enter, and bring us rejoicing to Your holy mountain, where You live and reign, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Lessons:

Dec 2 Monday

Isaiah 1:10-20

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Luke 20:1-8

Dec 3 Tuesday

Isaiah 1:21-31

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Luke 20:9-18

Dec 4 Wednesday

Isaiah 2:1-4

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Luke 20:19-26

Dec 5 Thursday

Isaiah 2:5-22

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Luke 20:27-40

Dec 6 Friday

Isaiah 3:1-4:1

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Luke 20:41-21:4

Dec 7 Saturday

Isaiah 4:2-6

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Luke 21:5-19

Dec 8 Sunday **Advent 2**

Isaiah 5:1-7

2 Peter 3:11-18

Luke 7:28-35

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 2 Monday

Lord our God, help us to prepare for the coming of Christ Your Son. May he find us waiting, eager in joyful prayer. 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 3 Tuesday

God of mercy and consolation, help us in our weakness and free us from sin. Hear our prayers that we may rejoice at the coming of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 4 Wednesday

Lord our God, grant that we may be ready to receive Christ when he comes in glory and to share in the banquet of heaven, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 5 Thursday

Father, we need Your help. Free us from sin and bring us to life. Support us by Your power. Grant 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 6 Friday

Jesus, our Lord, save us from our sins. Come, protect us from all dangers and lead us to salvation, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 7 Saturday

God our Father, You loved the world so much You gave Your only Son to free us from the ancient power of sin and death. Help us who wait for his coming, and lead us to true liberty. 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 8 Sunday **Advent 2**

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with Him when He come in glory, for He 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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