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Evening Prayer II

December 13, 2026

{ Third Sunday in Advent }



Stand and make sign of cross

God, come to my assistance.

— Lord, make haste to help me.

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. Alleluia.

Hymn

O loving Maker of the stars,
believers' everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
with kindness hear our humble prayer.

With pity, you beheld the fate
that death imposed on ages past;
you gave the guilty healing grace
and saved a weak and fallen world.

When evening fell upon the earth,
as bridegroom from the bridal room,
from honored cloister forth you came,
born from the Virgin Mother pure.

Before your strong and steadfast might,
on earth and in the heav'ns above
all knees bend low, all hearts confess
submission to your sov'reign will.

With faith we beg you, Holy Lord,
the Judge of ages still to come,
that in our time you keep us safe
from snares of our deceitful foe.

To you, O Christ, most loving King,
and to the Father, glory be,
one with the Spirit Paraclete,
from age to age for evermore. Amen.

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Sit or stand

Psalmody

Antiphon 1

Our Lord will come to claim his glorious throne in the assembly of the princes.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

The Messiah, king and priest

Christ's reign will last until all his enemies are made subject to him (1 Corinthians 15:25).

The Lórd's revelátion to my Máster: †
"Sít on my ríght: *
your fóes I will pút beneath your féet."

The Lórd will wíeld from Zíon †
your scépter of pówer: *
rúle in the mídst of all your fóes.

A prínce from the dáy of your bírth †
on the hóly móuntains; *
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.

The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chánge. †
"You are a príest for éver, *
a príest like Melchízedek of óld."

The Máster stánding at your ríght hand *
will shatter kíngs in the dáy of his wráth.

He shall drínk from the stréam by the wáyside *
and thérefore he shall líft up his héad.

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.

Antiphon

Our Lord will come to claim his glorious throne in the assembly of the princes.

Antiphon 2

Let the mountains break out with joy and the hills with answering gladness, for the world's true light, the Lord, comes with power and might.

Psalm 111

God's marvelous works

We are lost in wonder at all that you have done for us, our Lord and mighty God (Revelation 15:3).

I will thánk the Lórd with all my héart *
in the méeting of the júst and their assémbly.
Gréat are the wórks of the Lórd; *
to be póndered by áll who lóve them.

Májestic and glórious his wórk, *
his jústice stands fírm for éver.
He mákes us remémber his wónders. *
The Lórd is compássion and lóve.

He gives fóod to thóse who féar him; *
keeps his cóvenant éver in mínd.
He has shówn his míght to his péople *
by gíving them the lánds of the nátions.

His wórks are jústice and trúth: *
his précepts are áll of them súre,
standing fírm for éver and éver: *
they are máde in úprightness and trúth.

He has sént delíverance to his péople †
and estáblished his cóvenant for éver. *
Hóly his náme, to be féared.

To fear the Lórd is the first stage of wísdom; †
all who dó so próve themselves wíse. *
His práise shall lást for éver!

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.

Antiphon

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Antiphon 3

Let us live in holiness and love as we patiently await our blessed hope, the coming of our Savior.

Canticle – See Revelation 19:1-7

The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia.
Salvation, glory, and power to our God: *
his judgments are honest and true.
Alleluia.

Alleluia.
Sing praise to our God, all you his servants, *
all who worship him reverently, great and small.
Alleluia.

Alleluia.
The Lord our all-powerful God is King, *
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.
Alleluia.

Alleluia.
The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, *

and his bride is prepared to welcome him.
Alleluia.

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.

Antiphon

Let us live in holiness and love as we patiently await our blessed hope, the coming of our Savior.

Sit

Reading

Philippians 4:4–5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near.

Responsory

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

— Lord, show us your mercy and love.

And grant us your salvation.

— your mercy and love.

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

— Lord, show us your mercy and love.

Stand

Gospel Canticle

Antiphon

Are you the One whose coming was foretold, or should we look for another? Tell John what you see: the blind have their sight restored, the dead are raised to life, the poor have the good news preached to them, alleluia.

Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Make sign of cross

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, *
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. *

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
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Antiphon

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Intercessions

To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life, let

us make our humble prayer:

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

Son of the Most High, your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,
come and rule over your people for ever.

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

Holy One of God, in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,
bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

Jesus the Savior, the angel revealed your name to Joseph the just man,
come and save your people from their sins.

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

Light of the world, for whom Simeon and all the just waited,
come and comfort us.

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

O Rising Sun that never sets, Zechariah foretold that you would visit us from above,
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

— Come and stay with us, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Concluding Prayer

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,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

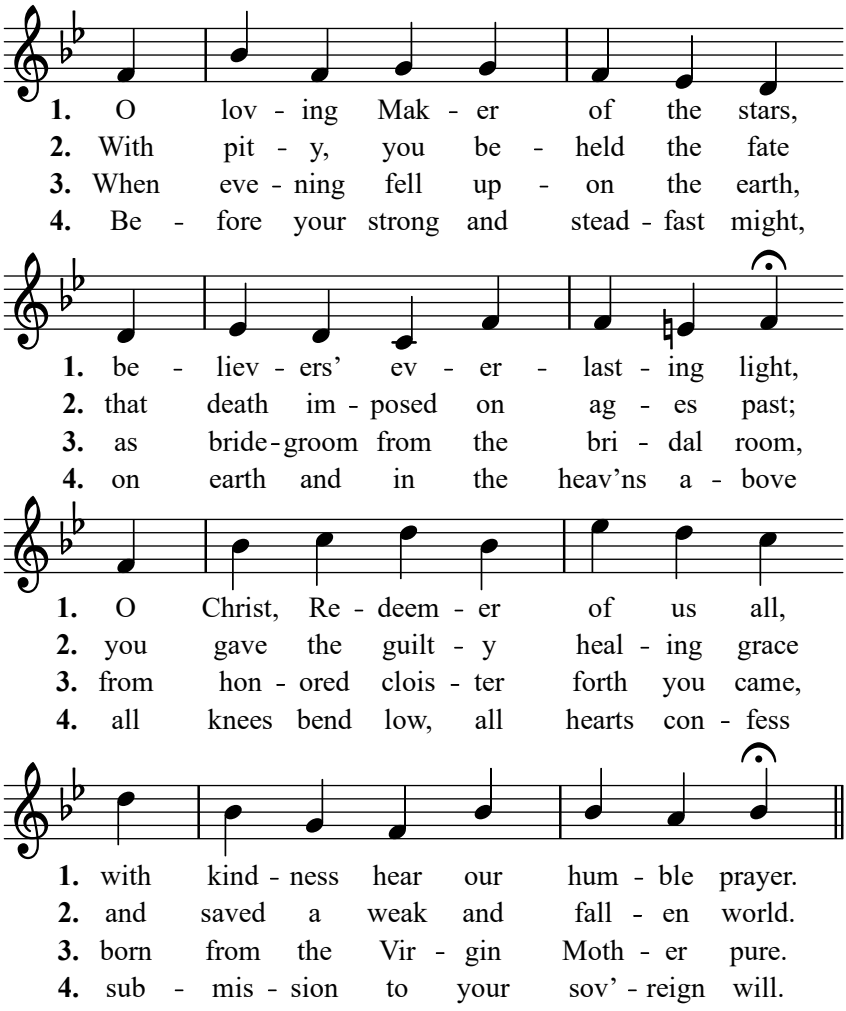
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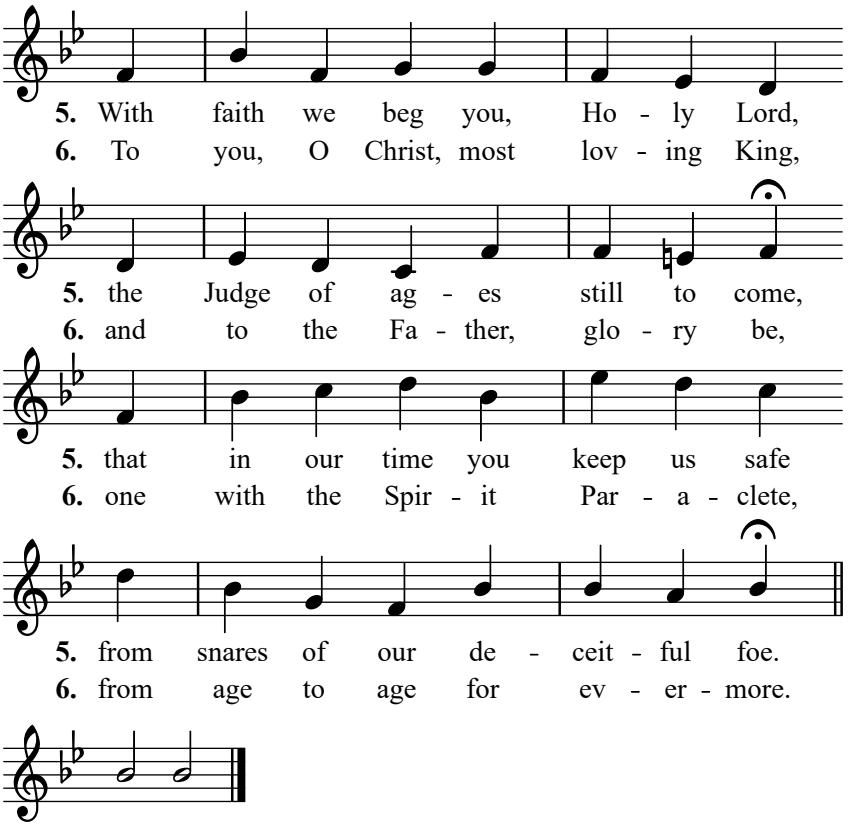
May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

— Amen.

O Loving Maker of the Stars

Conditor alme





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