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Evening Prayer II

December 20, 2026

{ Fourth 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

Receive, O Mary, Virgin pure,
within your chaste and blessed womb
the saving Word proclaimed for all,
proceeding from the Father's mouth.

The fruitful Spirit's shadow comes
and fills you now with heaven's light,
that you may carry Christ the Lord,
the Father's own coequal Son.

She is the sacred temple gate,
for ever sealed and barred to all;
yet for the heav'nly Prince alone
the blessed threshold opens wide.

Foretold by prophets long ago
and born before the morning star,
the one proclaimed by Gabriel
is Christ the Lord come down to earth.

Rejoice together, angel hosts!
Let all the peoples sing for joy.
The Most High comes, a humble child,
to save and ransom what was lost.

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

See how glorious he is, coming forth as Savior of all peoples!

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

See how glorious he is, coming forth as Savior of all peoples!

Antiphon 2

Crooked paths will be straightened and rough ways made smooth.
Come, O Lord, do not delay, alleluia.

Psalm 112

The happiness of the just man

Live as children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Ephesians 5:8–9).

Happy the mán who féars the Lórd, *
who tákes delíght in his commánds.
His sóns will be pówerful on éarth; *
the chíldren of the úpright are bléssed.

Ríches and wéalth are in his hóuse; *
his jústice stands fírm for éver
He is a líght in the dárkness for the úpright: *
he is génerous, mérciful and júst.

The góod man takes píty and lénds, *
he condúcts his affáirs with hónor.
The júst man will néver wáver: *
hé will be remémbered for éver.

He has no féar of évil néws; *
with a fírm heart he trústs in the Lórd.
With a stéadfast héart he will not féar; *
he will sée the dównfall of his fóes.

Open-hánded, he gíves to the póor; †
his jústice stands fírm for éver. *
His héad will be ráised in glóry.

The wícked man sées and is ángry, †
grinds his téeth and fádes awáy; *
the desíre of the wícked leads to dóom.

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

Crooked paths will be straightened and rough ways made smooth.
Come, O Lord, do not delay, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

Ever wider will his kingdom spread, eternally at peace, alleluia.

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

Ever wider will his kingdom spread, eternally at peace, alleluia.

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

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

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:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

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Intercessions

To Christ the Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, let us pray with joyful hearts:

— Come, Lord Jesus!

Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation, you revealed your glory to the world,
give us new life by your coming.

— Come, Lord Jesus!

You have taken our weakness upon yourself,
grant us your mercy.

— Come, Lord Jesus!

You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in humility,
free us from all guilt when you come again in glory.

— Come, Lord Jesus!

You live and rule over all,
in your goodness bring us to our eternal inheritance.

— Come, Lord Jesus!

You sit at the right hand of the father,
gladden the souls of the dead with your light.

— Come, Lord Jesus!

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,
fill our hearts with your love,
and as you revealed to us by an angel
the coming of your Son as man,
so lead us through his suffering and death
to the glory of his resurrection,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

Dismissal

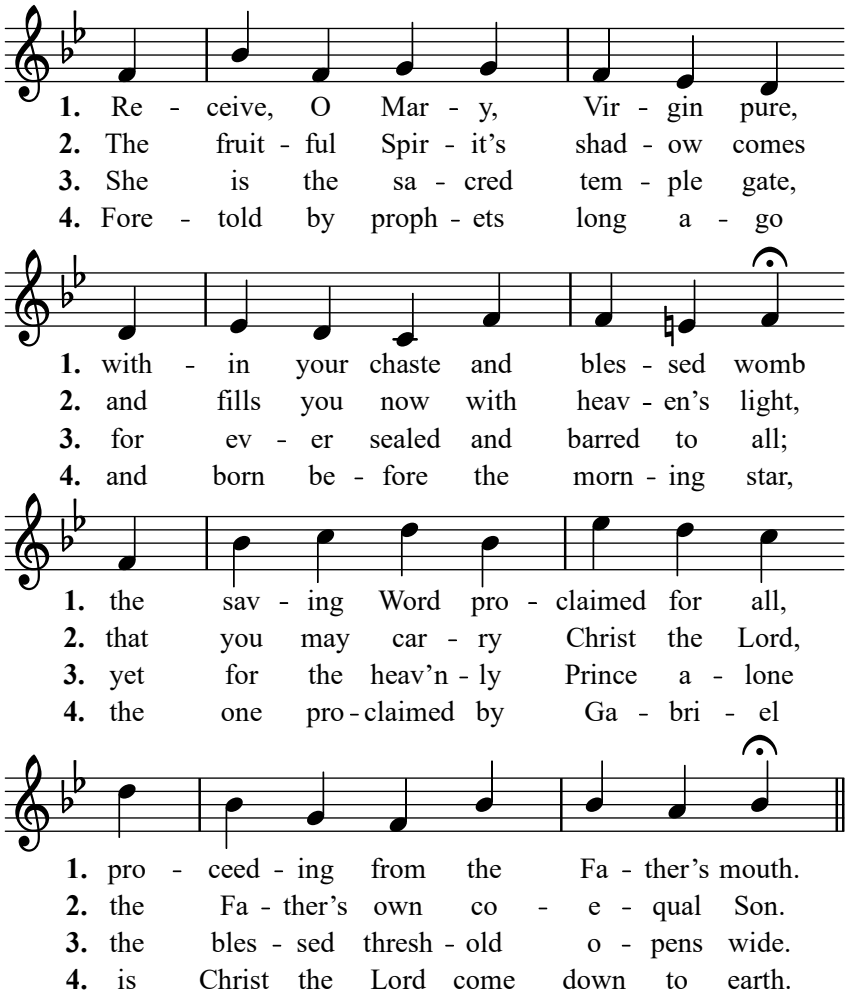
May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to

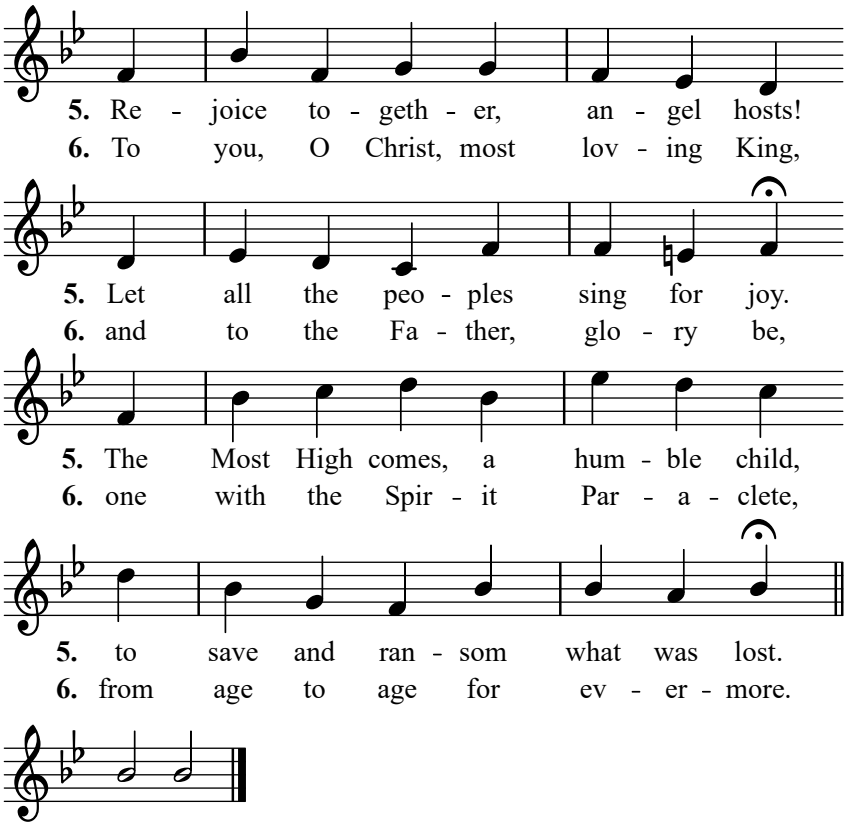
everlasting life.

— Amen.

Receive, O Mary, Virgin Pure

Verbum salutis





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