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Evening Prayer II

December 6, 2026

{ Second 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

The Lord will come on the clouds of heaven with great power and might, alleluia.

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

The Lord will come on the clouds of heaven with great power and might, alleluia.

Antiphon 2

The Lord will come; he is true to his word. If he seems to delay, keep watch for him, for he will surely come, alleluia.

Psalm 115

Praise of the true God

You have renounced idol worship to serve the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9).

Not to ús, Lórd, not to ús, *
but to yóur náme give the glóry
for the sáke of your lóve and your trúth, *
lest the héathen say: "Whére is their Gód?"

But our Gód is ín the héavens; *
he dóes whatéver he wílls.
Their ídols are sílver and góld, *
the wórk of húman hánds.

They have móuths but they cánnot spéak; *
they have éyes but they cánnot sée;
they have éars but they cánnot héar; *
they have nóstrils but they cánnot smél.

With their hánds they cánnot féel; †
with their féet they cánnot wálk. *
No sóund cómes from their thróats.
Their mákers will cóme to be líke them *
and so will áll who trúst in thém.

Sons of Ísrael, trúst in the Lórd; *
hé is their hélp and their shíeld.
Sons of Áaron, trúst in the Lórd; *
hé is their hélp and their shíeld.

You who féar him, trúst in the Lórd; *
hé is their hélp and their shíeld.
He remémbers us, and hé will bléss us; †
he will bléss the sóns of Ísrael. *
He will bléss the sóns of Áaron.

The Lord will bléss thóse who féar him, *
the líttle no léss than the gréat:
to yóu may the Lórd grant íncrease, *
to yóu and áll your chíldren.

May yóu be bléssed by the Lórd, *
the máker of héaven and éarth.
The héavens belóng to the Lórd *
but the éarth he has gíven to mén.

The déad shall not práise the Lórd, *
nor thóse who go dówn into the sílence.
But wé who líve bless the Lórd *
nów and for éver. Amén.

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

The Lord will come; he is true to his word. If he seems to delay, keep watch for him, for he will surely come, alleluia.

Antiphon 3

The Lord our king and lawgiver will come to save us.

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

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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

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your great faith; all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you, 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:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your great faith; all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you, alleluia.

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

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 comes in glory,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

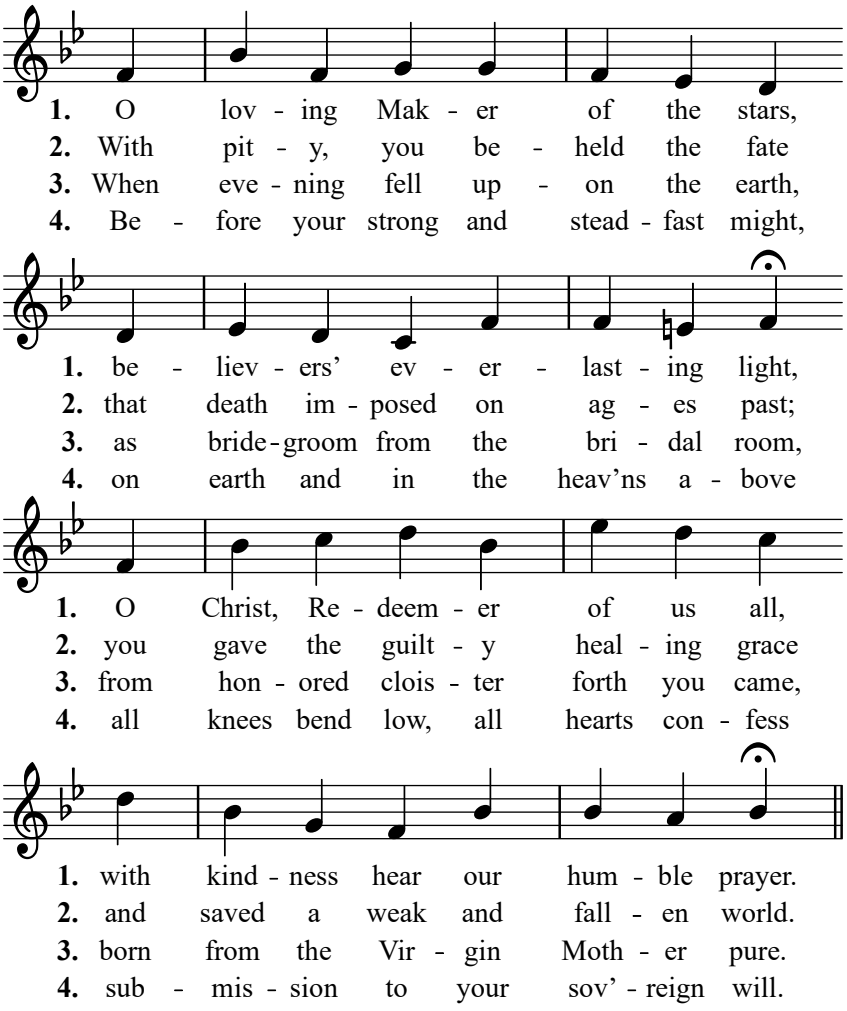
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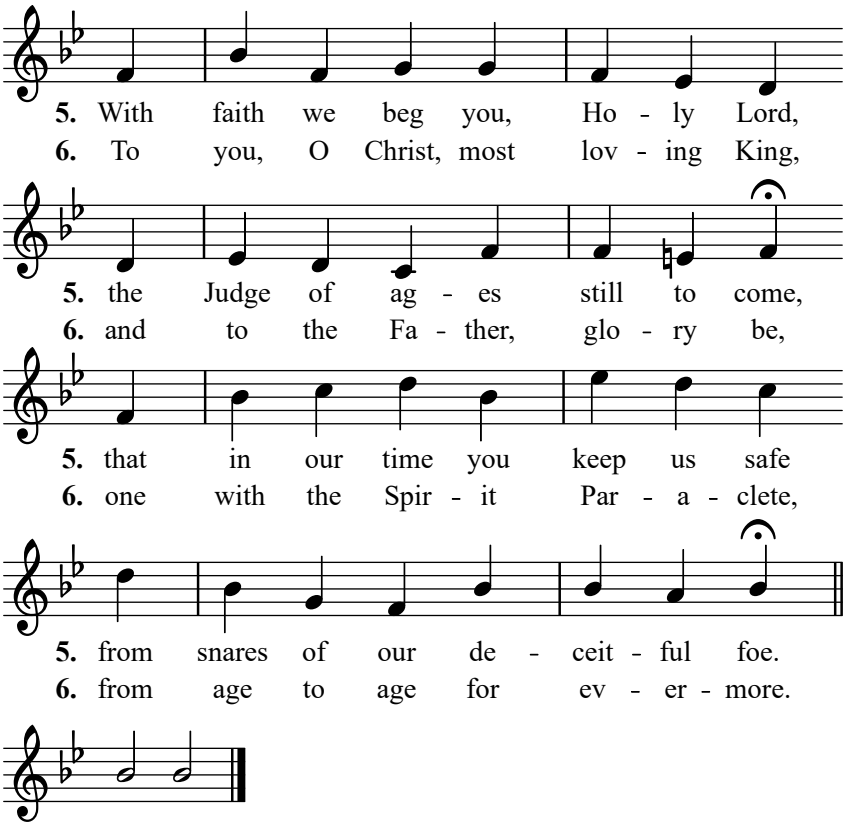
May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

— Amen.

O Loving Maker of the Stars

Conditor alme





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