

Sunday – Year 2 Advent 2  
Morning Prayer

### **Opening Sentence**

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:3

### **Versicle and Response**

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

### **Invitatory**

#### **Venite**

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, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

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. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
Glory be 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.

### **Psalms**

#### **148**

1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars. 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## 149

1 Hallelujah!  
Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

## **150**

1 Hallelujah!  
Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
Praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah!

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.

## **Reading**

### **Amos 6:1-14**

6Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

the notables of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel resorts!  
2 Cross over to Calneh, and see;  
from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better\* than these kingdoms?  
Or is your\* territory greater than their\* territory,  
3 O you that put far away the evil day,  
and bring near a reign of violence?

4 Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
6 who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
7 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

8 The Lord God has sworn by himself  
(says the Lord, the God of hosts):  
I abhor the pride of Jacob  
and hate his strongholds;  
and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it.

9 If ten people remain in one house, they shall die. 10 And if a relative, one who burns the dead,\* shall  
take up the body to bring it out of the house, and shall say to someone in the innermost parts of the  
house, 'Is anyone else with you?' the answer will come, 'No.' Then the relative\* shall say, 'Hush! We  
must not mention the name of the Lord.'

11 See, the Lord commands,  
and the great house shall be shattered to bits,  
and the little house to pieces.  
12 Do horses run on rocks?  
Does one plough the sea with oxen?\*But you have turned justice into poison  
and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood—  
13 you who rejoice in Lo-debar,\*  
who say, 'Have we not by our own strength  
taken Karnaim\* for ourselves?'  
14 Indeed, I am raising up against you a nation,  
O house of Israel, says the Lord, the God of hosts,  
and they shall oppress you from Lebo-hamath  
to the Wadi Arabah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 11**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
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.

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### **Reading**

#### **Luke 1:57-68**

57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. 60 But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' 61 They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' 62 Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. 63 He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. 64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. 65 Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. 66 All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

68 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 16**

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.

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.

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.

### **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **Collect of the Day: Second Sunday of Advent**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## **For Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Prayers and Intercessions**

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

## **General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Romans 15:13