

Advent Sunday, 30th November

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

Sing a new song to the Lord, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in its Maker, let Sion's children exult in their king.

Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.

Reading

John said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord; clear a straight path for him.' After me will come one who is mightier than I. I am not worthy to unfasten his sandal straps. He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. I bear witness that this is the Chosen One of God.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Almighty God,
give us the grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility:
so that in the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal. **Amen.**

Monday, 1st December

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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**as it was in the beginning,
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Psalm

Lord, let your love come upon me, the saving help of your promise.
And I shall answer those who taunt me for I trust in your word.

Do not take the word of truth from my mouth for I trust in your decrees.
I shall always keep your law for ever and ever.

I shall walk in the path of freedom for I seek your precepts.
I will speak of your will before kings and not be abashed.

Your commands have been my delight; these I have loved.
I will worship your commands and love them and ponder your will.

Reading

May the Lord who gives us peace make you completely his,
and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from all
fault, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you will
do it, for he is faithful!

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Give us the grace, Lord,
to be ever on the watch for Christ, your Son.
When he comes and knocks at our door,
let him find us alert in prayer,
joyfully proclaiming his glory. **Amen.**

Tuesday 2nd December

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The ones with clean hands and pure heart,
who do not desire worthless things,
who have not sworn so as to deceive their neighbour.

They shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves them.
Such are those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors,
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, he is the king of glory.

Reading

Judah shall not lack a branch from his stem, a prince drawn from his stock, until the day when he comes who is to be sent to us, he, the hope of the nations.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Take pity on our distress, Lord God,:
show us your love day by day.
Direct our thoughts towards the coming of your Son
so that we may be strengthened
and cleansed of sin and wickedness. **Amen.**

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Wednesday, 3rd December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world.

Out of the mouths of infants and children

your majesty is praised above the heavens..

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them?
Mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

You have made them little lower than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and honour.

You give them mastery over the works of your hands,
and put all things under their feet.

All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field.

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world.

Reading

The maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel (that is "God with us"). On curds and honey will he feed until he knows how to refuse evil and choose good.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Prepare our hearts and minds, O Lord,

by the power of your grace.
When Christ comes,
may he find us worthy to receive from his hand
the bread of heaven, at the feast of eternal life. **Amen.**

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Thursday 4th December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people
and may the hills bring forth justice.

He shall endure like the sun and the moon from age to age
He shall descend like rain on the meadow like raindrops on the earth.

In his days justice and peace shall flourish till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

Reading

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down
righteousness. Let the earth open that salvation may spring up and
let it cause righteousness to sprout up also,.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Show forth your power, Lord, and come.
Come in your great strength and help us.
Be merciful and forgiving,
and hasten the day of salvation for which we long. **Amen.**

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Friday, 5th December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Psalm

Give judgment for me, O Lord: for I walk the path of perfection.
I trust in the Lord; I have not wavered.

Examine me, Lord, and try me;
O test my heart and my mind,

for your love is before my eyes
and I walk according to your truth.

I never take my place with liars and with hypocrites I shall not go.
I hate the evil-doer's company: I will not take my place with the wicked.

To prove my innocence I wash my hands, and take my place by your altar,
singing a song of thanksgiving, proclaiming all your wonders.

O Lord, I love the house where you dwell,
the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men
In whose hands are evil plots, whose right hands are filled with gold.

Reading

A ruler shall appear, one of themselves, a governor shall arise from their own number. I will myself bring him near and so he shall approach me, says the Lord. So you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Call forth your power, Lord;
come and save us from the judgment that threatens us
by reason of our sins and failures.
Come, and set us free.
Come quickly, O Lord, we pray. **Amen.**

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Saturday, 6th December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

I call with all my heart; Lord, hear me, I will keep your commands.

I call upon you, save me and I will do your will.

I rise before dawn and cry for help, I hope in your word.
My eyes watch through the night to ponder your promise.

In your love hear my voice, O Lord; give me life by your decrees.
Those who harm me unjustly draw near: they are far from your law.

But you, O Lord, are close: your commands are truth.
long have I known that your will is established for ever.

Reading

A shoot shall grow from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall spring from his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord, to free humanity and the creation
from their fallen state,
you sent your only Son into this world.
Grant to us who in faith and love wait for his coming
your gift of grace and the reward of true freedom. **Amen.**

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Sunday, 7th December (2nd Sunday of Advent)

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

Blessed are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
 or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

But their delight is in the law of the Lord
 and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.

The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the day of judgment
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous
 but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Reading

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice. Let all people know your consideration of others. The Lord is near; do not be anxious but in everything, make your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Then the peace which is beyond all understanding, will guard your hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Almighty and merciful God
let neither our daily work nor the cares of this life
prevent us from hastening to meet your Son.
Enlighten us with your wisdom
and lead us into his company. **Amen.**

Monday, 8th December

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Psalm

Lord, let your love come upon me, the saving help of your promise.
And I shall answer those who taunt me for I trust in your word.

Do not take the word of truth from my mouth for I trust in your decrees.
I shall always keep your law for ever and ever.

I shall walk in the path of freedom for I seek your precepts.
I will speak of your will before kings and not be abashed.

Your commands have been my delight; these I have loved.
I will worship your commands and love them and ponder your will.

Reading

It is to heaven that we look expectantly for the coming of Lord Jesus Christ to save us; he will form this humbled body of ours anew, moulding it into the image of his glorious body, so effective is his power to make all things obey him.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Let our prayer rise like incense
before you, Lord,
so that we may come in humility and purity of heart
to celebrate the great mystery
of your Son's incarnation. **Amen.**

Tuesday, 9th December

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Psalm

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I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his name together.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed are they who trust in him.

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

Come, let us bless the Lord at all times;
let his praise be ever in our mouths.

Reading

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation. Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord God, all the ends of the earth
have seen your salvation.
Give us the grace to await with joy
the glorious day of our Saviour's birth. **Amen.**

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Wednesday, 10th December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Psalm

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right.

A fire prepares his path; it burns up his foes on every side.
His lightnings light up the world, the earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.

Sion hears and is glad; the people of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments O Lord.
For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord loves those who hate evil: he guards the souls of his saints;
he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just And joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice you just, in the Lord; give glory to his holy name.

Reading

We are servants of Christ and stewards of his mysteries. It is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. It is the Lord who will judge. There must be no passing of premature judgment. Leave that until the Lord comes: he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of our hearts. Then will be the time for each of us to have whatever praise we deserves from God.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

At your bidding Lord,
we are preparing the way for Christ, your Son.
May we not grow faint on our journey
may we not lose heart or stumble on the way,
as we wait for his healing presence. **Amen.**

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Thursday 11th December

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger; leave rage alonge
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

Reading

Be patient, then, my brothers and sisters, until the Lord comes.
See how the farmer is patient as he waits for his land to produce

precious crops. He waits patiently for the autumn and spring rains. And you also must be patient! Keep your hopes high, for the day of the Lord's coming is near. The Judge is near, ready to come in!

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Clear a pathway, Lord, in our hearts
to make ready for your only Son,
so that when he comes
we may serve you in sincerity and joy. **Amen.**

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Friday 12th December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
**as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Psalm

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house by the side of your altars,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand days elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of the wicked.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord!:
the place where your glory abides.

Reading

There is no difference in the Lord's sight between one day and a thousand years; to him, the two are the same. The Lord is not slow to do what he has promised, as some think. Instead, he is patient with you, because he does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord, keep us ever alert and watchful
as we await the coming of your Son
so that faithful to his teaching,
we may hasten to meet our Saviour with lamps alight. **Amen.**

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Saturday, 13th December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this, the Lord has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Reading

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill made low. The crooked shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth. And all people shall see the salvation of God."

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing prayer

Lord, keep us from being so overwhelmed
by the demands of our everyday life
that we forget to pray as people who have hope for the future.
Give us the grace
both to do our present work with all our strength
and to pray for the coming of your kingdom,
when we shall be with you in all your glory. **Amen.**

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Sunday, 14th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

Blessed are they whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

For them the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory.

They will go through the desolate valley
and find it a place of springs.

They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

No good thing will the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity

Reading

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and then you shall eat what is good and delight yourselves with rich food.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that through the strengthening of your holy word,
we may hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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Monday 15th December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

I call with all my heart; Lord, hear me, I will keep your commands.
I call upon you, save me and I will do your will.

I rise before dawn and cry for help, I hope in your word.
My eyes watch through the night to ponder your promise.

In your love hear my voice, O Lord; give me life by your decrees.
Those who harm me unjustly draw near: they are far from your law.

But you, O Lord, are close: your commands are truth.
Long have I known that your will is established for ever.

Reading

May the Lord who gives us peace make you completely his, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul and body, free from all fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you will do it, for he is faithful!

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing prayer

Almighty God,
let the splendour of your glory
dawn in our hearts.
May the coming of your only Son dispel all darkness
and reveal that we are children of light. **Amen.**

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Tuesday, 16th December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Psalm

Sing a new song to the Lord, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker, let Sion's sons exult in their king.

Let them praise his name with dancing

and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.

Reading

The angel Gabriel said to Mary, 'Rejoice, most highly favoured one!
The Lord is with you. Of all women you are the most blessed.
And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you
will name him Jesus.'

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

In your love, Father, listen to our prayer;
may your Son at his coming
dispel by his grace the darkness of our hearts
And bring us into the light of his glorious kingdom. **Amen.**

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Wednesday, 17th December

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
**as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen**

Psalm

Lord, let your love come upon me, the saving help of your promise.
And I shall answer those who taunt me for I trust in your word.

Do not take the word of truth from my mouth for I trust in your decrees.
I shall always keep your law for ever and ever.

I shall walk in the path of freedom for I seek your precepts.
I will speak of your will before kings and not be abashed.

Your commands have been my delight; these I have loved.
I will worship your commands and love them and ponder your will.

Reading

Thus says the Lord, O my people, who dwell in Zion, be not afraid.
Arise, shine; for your light is come and the glory of the Lord has
risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick
darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you and his
glory will
appear over you. In that day the burden will depart from your
shoulder and the yoke from your neck.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

In your love, Father, listen to our prayer;,
may your Son at his coming
dispel by his grace the darkness of our hearts
and bring us into the light of his glorious kingdom. **Amen.**

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Thursday, 18th December

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
**as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

Psalm

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?

Those with clean hands and a pure heart,
Who desire not worthless things,
Who have not sworn so as to deceive their neighbour.
They shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him

Such are those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors,
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant.

Reading

The days are now coming, says the Lord, when I will make a
righteous branch spring from David's line, a king who shall rule
wisely, maintaining law and justice in the land.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Father, through your Son
you have made us a new people.
Look on us now as the new creation of your love,
and by the coming of your Son,
cleanse us from every stain of sin. **Amen.**

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Friday, 19th December

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
**as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Psalm

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right.

A fire prepares his path; it burns up his foes on every side.
His lightnings light up the world, the earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.

Sion hears and is glad; the people of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments O Lord.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord loves those who hate evil: he guards the souls of his saints;

he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just And joy for the upright of heart.

Rejoice you just, in the Lord; give glory to his holy name.

Reading

Sing for joy, O heavens and exult, O earth. Break forth, O mountains into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his suffering ones. Can a woman forget her baby or show no compassion for her child? Even these may forget; yet I will not forget you.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord, sometimes we are so overwhelmed
by the demands of our everyday life
that we forget our future hope
Give us the grace
to do our present work to our utmost
and to pray that we may soon see
all things brought to perfection
within your heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Saturday, 20th December

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Psalm

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people
and the hills bring forth justice.

May he defend the poor of the people
and save the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

He shall endure like the sun and the moon from age to age
He shall descend like rain on the meadow like raindrops on the earth.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

Reading

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so I will look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they are scattered. I will tend them in a rich pasture. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

With sorrow, Lord, we confess our sins,
unworthy servants that we are.
Heal us and bring us joy

by the coming of your only Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

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Sunday, 21st December (*4th Sunday of Advent*)

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen

Psalm

Give judgment for me, O Lord: for I walk the path of perfection.

I trust in the Lord; I have not wavered.

Examine me, Lord, and try me;

O test my heart and my mind;

for your love is before my eyes

and I walk according to your truth.

I never take my place with liars and with hypocrites I shall not go.

I hate the evil-doer's company: I will not take my place with the wicked.

To prove my innocence I wash my hands, and stand by your altar

singing a song of thanksgiving, proclaiming all your wonders.

O Lord, I love the house where you dwell,

the place where your glory abides.

Reading

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Let your grace, Lord,
light our pilgrim way to the end.
Support us now and always as we wait,
longing with all our hearts,
for the coming of Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Monday, 22nd December

O God, make speed to save us:
Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm

I call with all my heart; Lord, hear me, I will keep your commands.
I call upon you, save me and I will do your will.

I rise before dawn and cry for help, I hope in your word.
My eyes watch through the night to ponder your promise.

In your love hear my voice, O Lord; give me life by your decrees.
Those who harm me unjustly draw near: they are far from your law.

But you, O Lord, are close: your commands are truth.
long have I known that your will is established for ever.

Reading

On that day the plant that the Lord has grown shall become glorious in its beauty, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and splendour of the survivors of Israel.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Call forth your power, Lord;
come and save us from the judgment
that threatens us by reason of our sins.
Come, O Key of David,
open the door and set us free. **Amen.**

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Tuesday, 23rd December

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Psalm

Sing a new song to the Lord, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker, let Sion's sons exult in their king.

Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.

He crowns the poor with salvation.

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.

Reading

It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord, at the angel's message,
Mary became the temple of God,
And was filled with the light of the Holy Spirit
As she received your divine word.
Grant that, after her example,
We may humbly and steadfastly follow your will. **Amen.**

Wednesday, 24th December (*Christmas Eve*)

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Psalm

Lord, let your love come upon me, the saving help of your promise.

And I shall answer those who taunt me for I trust in your word.

Do not take the word of truth from my mouth for I trust in your decrees.

I shall always keep your law for ever and ever.

I shall walk in the path of freedom for I seek your precepts.

I will speak of your will before kings and not be abashed.

Your commands have been my delight; these I have loved.

I will worship your commands and love them and ponder your will.

Reading

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the lord, to the house of the god of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and word of the Lord from Jerusalem .

Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Deepen our faith, Lord God,
as we celebrate the great mystery of the incarnation
by which you revealed to the world
the splendour of your glory,
through the Virgin Mary
when she gave birth to your Son. **Amen.**