

Prayers before Any Office

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open, Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, foolish, wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; enkindle my affections that I may say this office with attention and devotion and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy divine majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

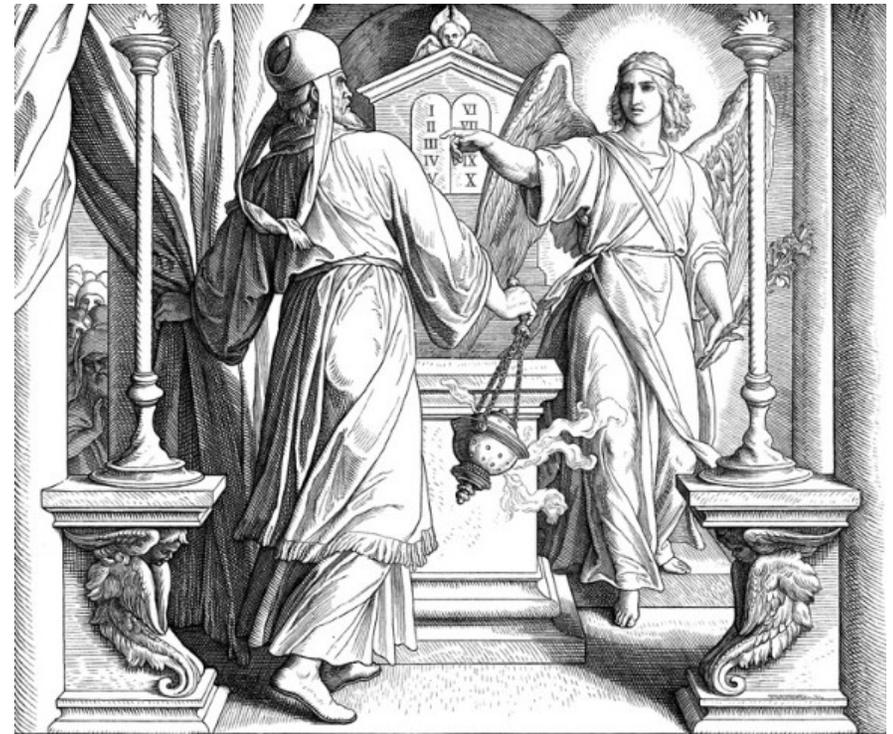
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Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Advent

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Midweek Advent Vespers
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“Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.”

St. Luke 1:13

Psalm 143

Psalm Tone IV

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P: HEAR MY - || prayer, O Lord, give ear to my | sup- | pli- | ca- | tions! *

C: In Your faithfulness answer me, and | in | Your | right- | eous- | ness.

P: || Do not enter into judgment | with | Your | ser- | vant, *

C: For in Your sight no one | liv- | ing | is | right- | eous.

P: || For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life | to | the | ground; | - *

C: He has made me dwell in darkness, like those | who | have | long | been | dead.

P: || Therefore my spirit is over- | whelmed | with- | in | me; *

C: My heart with- | in | me | is | dis- | tressed.

P: || I remember the days of old; I meditate on | all | Your | works; | - *

C: I muse on | the | work | of | Your | hands.

P: || I spread out my | hands | to | You; | - *

C: My soul longs for You | like | a | thirst- | y | land.

Selah

P: || Answer me speedily, O Lord; My | spi- | rit | fails! | - *

C: Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go | down | in- | to | the | pit.

P: || Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morn -*ing*, (+) for in You | do | I | trust; | - *

C: Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift | up | my | soul | to | You.

P: || Deliver me, O Lord, | from | my | *en-e- ·* | mies; *

C: In | You | I | take | shel- | ter.

P: || Teach me to do Your will, for You | are | my | God; | - *

C: Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the | land | of | up- | right- | ness.

P: || Revive me, O Lord, for | Your | name's | sake! | - *

C: For Your righteousness' sake bring my | soul | out | of | trou- | ble.

P: || In Your mercy cut | off | my | *en-e- ·* | mies, *

C: And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For | I | am | Your | ser- | vant.

ALL: GLO- RY - || be to the Father, and | to | the | Son: | - *

And | to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT - || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be: *
World | with- | out | end. | A- | men.

P: || Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my | sup- | pli- | ca- | tions! *

C: In Your faithfulness answer me, and | in | Your | right- | eous- | ness.

TLH 56 “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”
Godfrey Thring, 1864

1. Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
Lowly came on Earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.

2. Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.

3. Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to Heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riv'n.

4. Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
Glads our hearts, and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cheering e'en our failing years.

5. Jesus comes on clouds triumphant
When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory.
Let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing
Till the dawn of endless day. Amen.

**TLH 64 “Jesus, Thy Church with Longing
Eyes”**

William H. Bathurst, 1831

1. Jesus, Thy Church with longing eyes
For Thine expected coming waits.
When will the promised light arise
And glory beam from Zion's gates?

2. E'en now, when tempests round us fall
And wintry clouds o'er cast the sky,
Thy words with pleasure we recall
And deem that our redemption's nigh.

3. Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew,
Our foes repel, our wrongs redress,

Man's rooted enmity subdued,
And crown Thy Gospel with success.

4. Oh, come and reign o'er every land;
Let Satan from his throne be hurled,
All nations bow to Thy command,
And grace revive a dying world.

5. Teach us in watchfulness and prayer
To wait for the appointed hour
And fit us by Thy grace to share
The triumphs of Thy conquering power. Amen.

TLH 70 “Hosanna to the Living Lord”
Reginald Heber, 1811

1. Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to th' Incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
Let Earth, let Heav'n, hosanna sing.

2. O Savior, with protecting care
Abide in this Thy house of prayer,
Where we Thy parting promise claim,
Assembled in Thy sacred Name.

3. But, chiefest, in our cleansed breast,
Eternal, bid Thy Spirit rest
And make our secret soul to be
A temple pure and worthy Thee.

4. So in the last and dreadful Day,
When Earth and Heaven shall melt away,
Thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain,
Shall swell the sound of praise again. Amen.