

Let us pray...

Each collect may be preceded with a VERSICLE befitting the ADVENT season and the subject of the prayer, such as the following:

- a. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined.
Our God will come. Alleluia!
- b. Prepare the way of the Lord. Alleluia!
Make his paths straight. Alleluia!
- c. Drop down, you heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.
Let the earth open and bring forth salvation.

The first collect should be the Collect of the Day for the particular day or for the preceding Sunday, which may be followed by collects for local circumstances.

(The final collect is always the Collect for Grace)

COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us with your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by your governance, may be righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BLESSING.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit ✕ be with you (*us*) all.

Amen.

(Silent prayer)

The Lessons and Prayers of the Church at

MATINS

(morning lessons and prayers)



ADVENT

A hymn of invocation to the Holy Spirit or another hymn may be sung.

Opening VERSICLES, GLORIA PATRI, and LAUS TIBI (ascription of praise)

O Lord, open my lips;
and my mouth will declare Your praise.
Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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.**

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

THE VENITE

One of the following ADVENT INVITATORIES precedes and follows the the VENITE.

- a. Behold, the Lord comes to save us.
- b. Give glory to the coming King
Oh, come, let us worship him.

The Venite

Psalm 95:1-7a

(chanted versions: LSB pp. 220f; 236f / LW pp. 209f; 237f / TLH pp. 33f)

The Office Hymn

THE PSALMS

An ANTIPHON suitable to the ADVENT season, such as the following, may precede and follow each PSALM.

- a. Behold, the name of the Lord comes from afar.
Let the whole earth be filled with His glory.
- b. Come, O Lord, and do not delay.
Loosen the bonds of Your people Israel.
- c. Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem.
Behold, Your King comes.
- d. Behold the Lord will come and all His saints with Him.
And in that day, the light will be great. Alleluia!
- e. In that day the mountains will drip new wine,
and the hills will flow with milk. Alleluia.
- f. The rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.
Come, O Lord, do not delay. Alleluia.

One or more PSALMS are sung or said, each concluding with the GLORIA PATRI.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

One or more SCRIPTURE LESSONS follow.

After each reading follows:

O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to You, O Lord.

After the final reading follows the RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and a King Who will reign wisely and execute justice and righteousness in the land.

And this is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.
In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
And this is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
And this is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.
(Jer 23:5-6)

The SERMON

may follow.

The OFFERINGS may be received.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

The Te Deum Laudamus

*the ancient creedal hymn of the Church (hymn versions: LSB 940-941 / LW 171 / TLH 250)
(or chanted versions: LSB pp. 223f or 939f / LW 8 or pp. 214f, or pp. 246f / TLH pp.35f / Luther's)*

or

The following ADVENT ANTIPHON for the BENEDICTUS may precede and follow the Canticle

Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.
You will be with child and give birth to a son. Alleluia.

*From December 17 the historic "O Antiphons" (LSB 357 / LW pp. 288-289)
may be used instead, or the corresponding verse of the hymn
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357 / LW 31 / TLH 62 - incomplete).*

The Benedictus

*The song of Zechariah, at the birth of his son John the Baptist,
who prepared the way for the Christ (Luke 1:68-79)
(chanted versions: LSB pp. 226f, 238f, or hymn 936 / LW pp. 217f or 239f / TLH pp. 38f)*

THE PRAYERS

*The MORNING SUFFRAGES, the GREAT LITANY,
or another suitable LITANY may be used instead of the following.
(LSB pp. 282f, 285f, or 288f / LW pp. 270f / TLH pp. 110f or #661)*

The Prayers: The KYRIE, the LORD'S PRAYER, the SALUTATION and the COLLECTS.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, Who art in heaven...
The Lord be with you. OR O Lord, hear my prayer.
And with your spirit. And let my cry come to You.

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

IN LATE AFTERNOON

O Lord, our dwelling place and our peace, You have pity on our weaknesses, put far from us all worry and fearfulness that, having confessed our sins and commending ourselves to your gracious mercy, we may, when night shall come, commit ourselves, our work, and all we love into Your keeping, receiving from You the gift of quiet sleep; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE EVENING

O Lord God, the life of all the living, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the blessed dead, grant us a peaceful night free from all disturbance that after a time of quiet slumber we may by your goodness be endued in the new day with the guidance of Your Holy Spirit and enabled in peace to render thanks to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(The final collect is always the Collect for Peace)

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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