

## Evening Prayer For Advent

### ***BOLD FONT IS CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE***

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**  
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**  
Let your light scatter the darkness  
**and illumine your church.**

The Spirit and the church cry out:  
**Amen. | Come, Lord Jesus.**  
All those who await his appearance pray:  
**Amen. | Come, Lord Jesus.**  
The whole creation pleads:  
**Amen. | Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set light in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ: may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let our prayers rise before you as incense; the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

**O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.**

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**Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.**

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**Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

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**But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.**

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**Glory 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.**

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## **READING**

Advent 1 Matthew 24:23-44

Advent 2 Luke 1:5-25

Advent 3 Luke 1: 26-45

Advent 4 Luke 1: 46-58

## EVENING PRAYER MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

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**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**  
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me bless'd:**  
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
**and holy is your name.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

You have mercy on those who fear you,  
**from generation to generation.**

You have shown strength with your arm  
**and scattered the proud in their conceit,**  
casting down the mighty from their thrones  
**and lifting up the lowly.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

You have filled the hungry with good things  
**and sent the rich away empty.**

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
**to remember the promise of mercy,**  
the promise made to our forebears,  
**to Abraham and his children forever.**

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**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

## PRAYERS

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for  
the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*A time of silence follows.*

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. **Amen.**

## **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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

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