

Advent Morning Prayer: Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Officiant O Lord, open our lips,

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant Reveal among us the light of your presence

People **That we may behold your power and glory.**

Officiant Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.
As we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Psalm 80

The psalm is said pausing at the asterix for the time of app. three heartbeats.

¹Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth

²before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might;
come and save us.

³Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

⁴How long, Lord God Almighty,
will your anger smolder
against the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶You have made us an object of derision^[b] to our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.

⁷Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

⁸You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹Its branches reached as far as the Sea,^[c]
its shoots as far as the River.^[d]

¹²Why have you broken down its walls
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹³Boars from the forest ravage it,
and insects from the fields feed on it.

¹⁴Return to us, God Almighty!
Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine,

¹⁵ the root your right hand has planted,
the son^[e] you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁶Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
at your rebuke your people perish.

¹⁷Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

***All* 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

The New Testament reading

A reading from Luke 1:46-56

Mary's Song

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors."

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

After the reading the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

- 1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me 
because he has anointed me.
- 2 He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, 
to bind up the broken-hearted,
- 3 To proclaim liberty to the captives, 
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
- 4 To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, 
to comfort all who mourn,
- 5 To give them a garland instead of ashes, 
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit,
- 6 That they may be called oaks of righteousness, 
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.
7. For as the earth puts forth her blossom, 
and as seeds in the garden spring up,
- 8 So shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise 
blossom before all the nations.
- 9 You shall be called priests of the Lord; 
they shall speak of you as ministers of our God.

All **Glory to the Source of all Being, the Eternal Word and Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers are offered in a period of silence.

Lord's Prayer

Officiant Awaiting his coming in glory,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

Dismissal

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluiah!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluiah!**