

*Liturgy of the Hours*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MORNING PRAYER

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{ Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent }



# *Invitatory*

*Stand and make sign of cross on lips with thumb*

Lord, open my lips.

— And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Psalm 95*

*A call to praise God*

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13).*

Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.  
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving  
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

— Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,  
the great king over all the gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the highest mountains as well.  
He made the sea; it belongs to him,  
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

— Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.  
For he is our God and we are his people,  
the flock he shepherds.

— Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did  
in the wilderness,  
when at Meriba and Massah  
they challenged me and provoked me,  
Although they had seen all of my works.

— Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Forty years I endured that generation.  
I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.”  
So I swore in my anger,  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

— Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory.

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.

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## *Morning Prayer*

### HYMN

With mighty voice the prophets cry  
that Christ the Lord is drawing near;  
rejoicing, they foresee the grace  
by which he saves us and redeems.

And so our morning sun shines forth,  
our hearts ablaze with radiant joy;  
we hear the faithful voice resound,  
precursor of God’s glorious gift.

At that first Advent Christ our God

came forth not to condemn the world,  
but came to cleanse our gaping wound,  
to seek and save what had been lost.

Christ's Second Coming warns us all  
that he is standing at the gates  
to give to saints their glorious crowns  
and open wide the heav'nly realm.

Eternal light is now foretold,  
the saving star is shining forth,  
its radiant splendor summons us  
and calls us to the heav'nly court.

Christ Jesus, you alone we seek  
to see you face to face as God;  
may this unending vision be  
an everlasting hymn of praise. Amen.

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Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg, 1690*

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*Sit or stand*

## PSALMODY

### *Antiphon 1*

Bethlehem in Judah's land, how glorious your future! The king who  
will rule my people comes from you.

*Psalm 101*

*Renewal of a good ruler*

*If you love me, keep my commandments (John 14:15).*

My s6ng is of m6rcy and j6stice; \*  
I s6ng to you, O L6rd.  
I will w6lk in the w6y of perf6ction. \*  
O wh6n, Lord, will you c6me?

I will w6lk with bl6meless h6art \*  
with6n my h6use;  
I will not s6t bef6re my 6yes \*  
what6ver is b6se.

I will h6ate the w6ys of the cr6oked; \*  
they sh6ll not be my fr6ends.  
The false-h6arted must k6ep far aw6y; \*  
the w6cked I dis6wn.

The man who sl6nders his n6ighbor in s6cret \*  
I will br6ing to s6lence.  
The m6n of proud l6oks and haughty h6art \*  
I will n6ver end6re.

I l6ok to the f6ithful in the l6nd \*  
that they may dw6ll with m6.  
He who w6lks in the w6y of perf6ction \*  
shall b6 my fr6end.

No m6n who pr6ctices dec6it \*  
shall l6ve within my h6use.  
No m6n who utters l6es shall st6nd \*  
bef6re my 6yes.

M6rning by m6rning I will s6lence \*  
all the w6cked in the l6nd,  
upr6oting from the c6ty of the L6rd \*  
6ll who do 6vil.

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.

*Antiphon*

Bethlehem in Judah's land, how glorious your future! The king who will rule my people comes from you.

*Antiphon 2*

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is now at hand.

*Canticle – Daniel 3:26, 27, 29, 34–41*

*Azariah's prayer in the furnace*

*With your whole hearts turn to God and he will blot out all your sins (Acts 3:19).*

Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, †  
O Lord, the God of our fathers, \*  
and glorious forever is your name.

For you are just in all you have done; †  
all your deeds are faultless, all your ways right, \*  
and all your judgments proper.

For we have sinned and transgressed †  
by departing from you, \*  
and we have done every kind of evil.

For your name's sake, do not deliver us up forever, \*  
or make void your covenant.

Do not take away your mercy from us, †  
for the sake of Abraham, your beloved, \*  
Isaac your servant, and Israel your holy one,

To whom you promised to multiply their offspring †  
like the stars of heaven, \*  
or the sand on the shore of the sea.

For we are reduced, O Lord, beyond any other nation, †  
brought low everywhere in the world this day \*  
because of our sins.

We have in our day no prince, prophet, or leader, †  
no holocaust, sacrifice, oblation, or incense, \*  
no place to offer first fruits, to find favor with you.

But with contrite heart and humble spirit \*  
let us be received;  
as though it were holocausts of rams and bullocks, \*  
or thousands of fat lambs,  
so let our sacrifice be in your presence today †  
as we follow you unreservedly; \*  
for those who trust in you cannot be put to shame.

And now we follow you with our whole heart, \*  
we fear you and we pray to you.

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.

*Antiphon*

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is now at hand.

*Antiphon 3*

The day has come at last when Mary will bring forth her firstborn Son.

*Psalm 144:1-10*

*Prayer for victory and peace*

*I can do all things in him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).*

Bléssed be the Lórd, my róck, †  
who tráins my árms for báttle, \*  
who prepáres my hánds for wár.

Hé is my lóve, my fórtress; \*  
hé is my stróngthold, my sáviór,  
my shíeld, my pláce of réfuge. \*  
He brings péoples únder my rúle.

Lórd, what is mán that you cáre for him, \*  
mortal mán, that you kéept him in mínd;  
mán, who is mérely a bréath, \*  
whose lífe fádes like a sháadow?

Lówer your héavens and come dówn; \*

touch the móuntains; wréathe them in smóke.  
Flash your líghtnings; róut the fóe, \*  
shoot your árrows and pút them to flíght.

Reach dówn from héaven and sáve me; †  
draw me óut from the míghty wáters, \*  
from the hánds of álien fóes  
whose móuths are filled with líes, \*  
whose hánds are ráised in pérjury.

To you, O Gód, will I síng a new sóng; \*  
I will pláy on the tén-stringed hárp  
to yóu who give kíngs their víctory, \*  
who set Dávid your sérvant frée.

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.

*Antiphon*

The day has come at last when Mary will bring forth her firstborn  
Son.

*Sit*

READING

*Isaiah 11:1-3a*

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him:  
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
A spirit of counsel and of strength,  
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord,  
and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.

RESPONSORY

Tomorrow will be the day of your salvation, the sinfulness of earth  
will be destroyed.

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The Savior of the world will be our king;

— the sinfulness of earth will be destroyed.

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

— Tomorrow will be the day of your salvation, the sinfulness of earth will be destroyed.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Antiphon*

The time has come for Mary to give birth to her firstborn Son.

*Luke 1:68-79*

*The Messiah and his forerunner*

*Make sign of cross*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

*Antiphon*

The time has come for Mary to give birth to her firstborn Son.

INTERCESSIONS

To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who will come again in glory with  
great power, let us make our humble prayer:

— Come, Lord Jesus!

Lord Jesus, you will come with great power,  
look on our lowliness and make us worthy of your gifts.

— Come, Lord Jesus!

You came to be the good news for mankind,  
may we always proclaim your saving work.

— Come, Lord Jesus!

You are worthy of praise, for you have life and rule all things,  
help us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of your glory.

— Come, Lord Jesus!

We long for the grace of your coming,  
console us with the gift of your own divine life.

— Come, Lord Jesus!

*The 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.

*Concluding Prayer*

Come, Lord Jesus,  
do not delay;  
give new courage to your people who trust in your love.  
By your coming, raise us to the joy of your kingdom,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

*Dismissal*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to  
everlasting life.

— Amen.

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