

## Evening Prayer for Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent

God, come to my assistance.

**Lord, make haste to help me.**

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. Alleluia.**

### PSALMODY

Ant. 1 The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

**When evil-doers draw near  
to devour my flesh,  
it is they, my enemies and foes,  
who stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me  
my heart would not fear.  
Though war break out against me  
even then would I trust.

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savor the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.**

For there he keeps me safe in his tent  
in the day of evil.  
He hides me in the shelter of his tent,  
on a rock he sets me safe.

**And now my head shall be raised  
above my foes who surround me  
and I shall offer within his tent  
a sacrifice of joy.  
I will sing and make music for the Lord.**

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**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Ant. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

Ant. 2 I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.  
O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
“Seek his face.”

**It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help.**

Do not abandon or forsake me,  
O God my help!  
Though father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will receive me.

**Instruct me, Lord, in your way;  
on an even path lead me.  
When they lie in ambush protect me  
from my enemy's greed.  
False witnesses rise against me,  
breathing out fury.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

**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.

Ant. I long to look on you, O Lord; do not turn your face from me.

Ant. 3 He is the first-born of all creation; in every way the primacy is his.

Colossians 1:12-20

Let us give thanks to the Father  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints in light.

**He rescued us  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.**

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,  
things visible and invisible.

**All were created through him;  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is.  
In him everything continues in being.**

It is he who is head of the body, the church!  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead,  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

**It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens,  
making peace through the blood of his cross.**

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**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**BRIEF READING** 1 Corinthians 4:5

Stop passing judgment before the time of the Lord's return. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and manifest the intentions of hearts. At that time, everyone will receive his praise from God.

**RESPONSORY**

Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.

**Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.**

Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,

**Lord God of power and might.**

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

**Come and set us free, Lord God of power and might.**

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

Ant. The law will go forth from Zion; the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

**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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### **INTERCESSIONS**

Let us pray to God the Father, who sent his Son to bring us endless peace:

**Lord, your kingdom come.**

Father most holy, look kindly on your Church,  
come and visit this vine which your own right hand has planted.

**Lord, your kingdom come.**

Be mindful, Lord, of all the sons of Abraham,  
fulfill the promises you made to their fathers.

**Lord, your kingdom come.**

Merciful God, look kindly upon men and women of every race,  
may they honor you for your goodness.

**Lord, your kingdom come.**

Eternal Shepherd, visit the sheep of your flock,  
and gather them together into one fold.

**Lord, your kingdom come.**

Remember those who have gone forth from this world in your peace,  
lead them into glory with your Son.

**Lord, your kingdom come.**

Our Father...

## **Concluding Prayer**

Prepare our hearts,  
we pray, O Lord our God,  
by your divine power,  
so that at the coming of Christ your Son  
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life  
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et iubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio.

## **The Divine Praises**

Blessed be God.  
Blessed be his Holy Name.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.  
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.  
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.  
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.  
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.  
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.  
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.  
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

May the heart of Jesus,  
in the Most Blessed Sacrament,  
be praised, adored, and loved  
with grateful affection,  
at every moment,  
in all the tabernacles of the world,  
even to the end of time. Amen.

*Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament*