

ADVENT

Evening Prayer: Rite Two

Officiant All who thirst DPAS p. 14
People **come to the waters.**

Officiant Holy One, whose coming we await, you invite us into the light of your presence: Illumine the dim places of our hearts. We are thirsty for your compassion. Draw near to us and fill us, that we may pour out your goodness to all who hunger. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN Common Worship

Officiant When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. *Silence.*

Officiant Christ came in humility to share our lives: forgive our pride. Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Christ came with good news for all people: forgive our silence. Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant Christ came in love to a world of suffering: forgive our self-centeredness. Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER BCP p. 117

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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. Alleluia.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron* BCP p. 118

**O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God:**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**You are worthy at all times to be praised
by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

PSALM (*see insert*)

FIRST READING (*see insert*)

One of the following Canticles is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

CANTICLE 15: The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) BCP p. 119

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 for ever.

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.

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) p. 120

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

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.

SECOND READING (*see insert*)

SAINT(S) OF THE DAY (*see insert*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED BCP p. 120

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to

the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.** *Officiant* Let us pray.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES A (*or can do B*) BCP pp. 121-122

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

SUFFRAGES B BCP p. 122

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill, **We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses, **We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world, **We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ, **We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ, **We entreat you, O Lord.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY *and one or more Collects*

A Collect for Evening BCP p. 161

Gracious God, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Trusting God DPAS p. 152

O God, at the setting of the sun, we place our trust in you. As the night draws near, we give thanks for your presence with us. Help us entrust our lives to you with the delight and confidence of one who loves and is beloved. Through Jesus, our faithful Savior. **Amen.**

A Prayer at the End of the Day DPAS p. 18

Holy One, whose coming we await, we lift our hearts to you: Remind us of your faithfulness, that we may trust ever more deeply in your grace. We set down the tasks of the day so that we may arise renewed, to love and serve you. **Amen.**

A prayer for mission is added from BCP p. 124-125

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

The Great Thanksgiving, a Prayer of St. Chrysostom, or a Prayer attributed to St. Francis follows.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING BCP p. 125

Almighty God, / Father of all mercies, / we your unworthy servants / give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness / to us and to all whom you have made. / We bless you for our creation, / preservation, / and all the blessings of this life; / but above all for your immeasurable love / in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; / for the means of grace, / and for the hope of glory. / And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, / that

with truly thankful hearts / we may show forth your praise, / not only with our lips, but in our lives, / by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you / in holiness and righteousness all our days; / through Jesus Christ our Lord, / to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM BCP p. 126

Almighty God, / you have given us grace at this time with one accord / to make our common supplication to you; / and you have promised through your well-beloved Son / that when two or three are gathered together in his Name / you will be in the midst of them: / Fulfill now, O Lord, / our desires and petitions as may be best for us; / granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, / and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS p. 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

ADVENT RESPONSIVE PRAYER DPAS p. 7

Holy One, as we prepare for the advent of Christ,

Give us your spirit of wisdom.

As we seek to embody your love in the world,

Give us your spirit of good counsel.

As we seek to be faithful,

Give us eyes to see beyond the obvious.

May we be instruments of your peace on earth

as we accept the gifts of your Spirit.

DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Eph. 3:20, 21*