

Congregation at Prayer ✠ **Gaudete – Third Sunday in Advent** ✠

[L] In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[C] Amen. *Matthew 28:19*
[L] O ✠ Lord, open my lips,
[C] and my mouth will declare Your praise. *Psalm 51:15*
[L] Make haste, O ✠ God, to deliver me;
[C] make haste to help me, O Lord. *Psalm 70:1*
[C] *Glory be 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalm(s)

Hymn

Learn-By-Heart Scripture

Additional Readings from Holy Scripture

[L] O Lord, have mercy on us.
[C] Thanks be to God.

Learn-By-Heart Catechism

[C] Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. *Mark 10:47*
[C] 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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

Prayer of the Week

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have kept me this night from
all harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also from
sin and every evil, that all my doings
and life may please You. For into Your
hands I commend myself, my body
and soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe may
have no power over me. Amen.

[L] Let us bless the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God. *[Psalm 103:1]*
[L] The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
[C] Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have graciously kept me this
day; and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Prepare the Way of the Lord

A Guide for Daily Family Prayer

For the Week of December 12th to December 18th

Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

Isaiah 40:3, 10

“³A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ¹⁰Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.”

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Creed

The Second Article – Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Daily Readings...

Monday (12/12): Isaiah 29:1-14; Jude 1-25

Tuesday (12/13): Isaiah 29:15-30:14; Revelation 1:1-20

Wednesday (12/14): Isaiah 30:15-26; Revelation 2:1-29

Thursday (12/15): Isaiah 30:27-31:9; Revelation 3:1-22

Friday (12/16): Isaiah 32:1-20; Revelation 4:1-11

Saturday (12/17): Isaiah 33:1-24; Revelation 5:1-14

Sunday (12/18): Isaiah 34:1-2, 8-35:10; Revelation 6:1-17

Prayer of the Week...

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm of the Week...

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Hymn of the Week... “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

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Looking Forward to Next Week... ~Fourth Sunday in Advent~

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Philippians 4:4-7

John 1:19-28