

ADVENT

Evening Prayer: Rite Two

Officiant Even in the waiting, DPAS pp. 14, 19
People **God is with me.**

Officiant 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN Common Worship

Officiant We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for God's forgiveness and peace. *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.**

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 or slide)*

FIRST READING *(see insert or slide)*

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 you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

**you, the Almighty, have done great things for
me, and holy is your Name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you *
from generation to generation.

You have shown the strength of your arm, *
and scattered the proud in their conceit.

Casting down the mighty from their thrones, *
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things, *
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears, *
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.**

SECOND READING *(see insert or slide)*

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

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 the Presence of Christ BCP p. 124

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **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.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

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.

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*