

An Order for Evening Prayer Advent Season 2020



*We are a Christian community of spiritual renewal and radical acceptance with a commitment to help everyone grow in their spiritual journey.
Our faith is deeply rooted in worship, scripture, prayer, and action.*

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*Let our invitation be unmistakable:
All Are Welcome in This Place!*

The Officiant opens with a short piece of Scripture.

Officiant Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant and People **Almighty and most merciful Father,**
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare thou those who confess their faults,
Restore thou those who are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto humankind
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

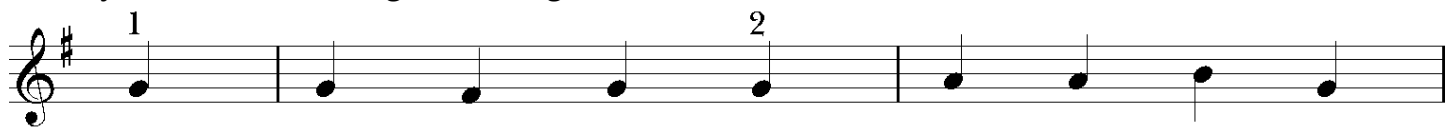
The Officiant pronounces absolution, and the People respond Amen.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People **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.

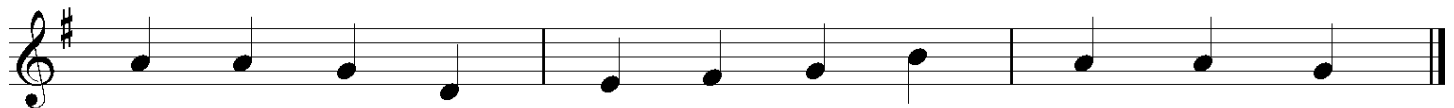
The Hymnal 1982 - #25 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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A reader then proclaims the Psalm appointed for the day.

Officiant and People **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.**

The reading

After the reading, the reader says
The People respond

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Response to the reading: The Song of Zechariah

Officiant and People

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David.
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the and of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant.
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord

to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in 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 forever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

<i>Officiant</i>	That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
<i>People</i>	We entreat thee, O Lord.
<i>Officiant</i>	That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
<i>People</i>	We entreat thee, O Lord.
<i>Officiant</i>	That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
<i>People</i>	We entreat thee, O Lord.
<i>Officiant</i>	That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,
<i>People</i>	We entreat thee, O Lord.
<i>Officiant</i>	That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
<i>People</i>	We entreat thee, O Lord.
<i>Officiant</i>	That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of [_____ and] all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
<i>People</i>	We entreat thee, O Lord.

*The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day and two other Collects, to which the People respond: **Amen.***

Office Hymn

The Officiant and People freely offer their prayers and thanksgivings, aloud or silently.

The Officiant concludes the Prayers with a Collect.

Officiant and People **Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.**

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes with a benediction or a short piece of Scripture.