

**Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
Thursday in the Week of the Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 3, 2022**

**Order of Service: Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 109
Propers: *Treasury of Daily Prayer***

Opening Prayers

In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Open our mouths, O Lord, to bless Your holy name. Cleanse our hearts from all vain, foolish, and wandering thoughts; enlighten our understanding, enkindle our affections, that we may recite this divine office with attention and devotion, and so may be fit to be heard before the Presence of Your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Versicles

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

† Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

Invitatory and Venite

Christ has appeared unto us:

O come, let us worship Him.

O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen.

Christ has appeared unto us:

O come, let us worship Him.

Office Hymn: *6, Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

To God the Father let us bring

Our songs of adoration.

To Him through everlasting days

Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,

Whose hand sustains creation.

Singing, Ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;

Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of glory.

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto the Lamb of God we sing,

In whom we are elected.

He bought His Church with His own blood,

He cleansed her in that blessed flood,

And as His Bride selected.

Holy, Holy Is our union And communion

His befriending

Gives us joy and peace unending.

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto the Holy Ghost we sing

For our regeneration.

The saving faith in us He wrought

And us unto the Bridegroom brought.

Made us His chosen nation.

Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;

There is manna

And an endless, glad hosanna.

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto our Triune God we sing;

Blest be His name forever!

With angel hosts let us adore

And sing His praises more and more

For all His grace and favor.

Singing, Ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy –

Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of glory!

The city shall be taken,
The houses rifled,
And the women ravished.
Half of the city shall go into captivity,
But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go forth
And fight against those nations,
As He fights in the day of battle.

4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,
Which faces Jerusalem on the east.
And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,
From east to west,
Making a very large valley;
Half of the mountain shall move toward the north
And half of it toward the south.

5 Then you shall flee *through* My mountain valley,
For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal.
Yes, you shall flee

As you fled from the earthquake
In the days of Uzziah king of Judah.
Thus the LORD my God will come,
And all the saints with You.

6 It shall come to pass in that day
That there will be no light;
The lights will diminish.

7 It shall be one day
Which is known to the LORD—
Neither day nor night.
But at evening time it shall happen
That it will be light.

8 And in that day it shall be
That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem,
Half of them toward the eastern sea
And half of them toward the western sea;
In both summer and winter it shall occur.

9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.
In that day it shall be—
“The LORD *is* one,”
And His name one.

10 All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of
Jerusalem. *Jerusalem* shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin’s Gate to the
place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and *from* the Tower of Hananel to the king’s
winepresses.

11 *The people* shall dwell in it;
And no longer shall there be utter destruction,
But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem:

Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet,
Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets,
And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

13 It shall come to pass in that day
That a great panic from the LORD will be among them.
Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor,
And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand;

14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem.
And the wealth of all the surrounding nations
Shall be gathered together:
Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance.

15 Such also shall be the plague
On the horse *and* the mule,
On the camel and the donkey,
And on all the cattle that will be in those camps.
So *shall* this plague *be*.

16 And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. **17** And it shall be *that* whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. **18** If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they *shall have* no *rain*; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. **19** This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. **20** In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be *engraved* on the bells of the horses. The pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. **21** Yes, [j]every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Thursday Canticle: *Cantimus Domino (Song of Miriam & Moses) – Exodus 15* Tone 8



Antiphon

The Lord is the `strength of my life;/ of whom shall `I be afraid?

Canticle

"I will `sing to the LORD,/ For He has triumphed `gloriously!

The horse `and its rider/ He has thrown `into the sea!

²The LORD is `my strength and song,/ And He has become `my salvation;

He is my God, and `I will praise Him;/ My father's God, and I `will exalt Him.

⁶"Your `right hand, O LORD,/ has become `glorious in power;

Your `right hand, O LORD,/ has dashed the enemy `in pieces.

⁷And in the greatness of `Your excellence/ You have overthrown those who `rose against You;

You `sent forth Your wrath;/ It consumed `them like stubble.

¹¹“Who is `like You, O LORD,/ a`mong the *gods*?

Who is like You, glorious `in holiness,/ Fearful in praises, `doing wonders?

¹³You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom `You have redeemed;/ You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy `habitation.

¹⁷You will bring them `in and plant them/ In the mountain of Your `inheritance, In the place, O LORD, which You have made For `Your own dwelling,/ The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands `have established.

¹⁸“The `LORD shall *reign*/ forev`er and ever.”

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son:/ and to `the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the be`ginning, is now:/ and ever shall be, forever `more. Amen.

Antiphon

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Second Lection: *Titus 2:7 – 3:15*

7 in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, **8** sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. **9** *Exhort* bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all *things*, not answering back, **10** not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. **11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works. **15** Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you. **3** Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, **2** to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. **3** For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. **4** But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, **5** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **8** This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. **9** But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. **10** Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, **11** knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. **12** When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. **13** Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. **14** And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works,

to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. **15** All who *are* with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.

That we may rejoice and be glad.

Morning Canticle: *The Benedictus*

Antiphon

A Light to lighten the Gentiles: And the Glory of Your people Israel.

Canticle

†“**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He has visited and redeemed His people
And has raised up a horn of salvation for us; in the house of servant David;**

**As He spoke 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 hand 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 swore to our father Abraham; that He would grant unto 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 you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for you will go before the face of
the Lord to prepare His ways;**

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins,

**Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high has visited
us;**

**To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet into
the way of peace.**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.

Antiphon

A Light to lighten the Gentiles: And the Glory of Your people Israel.

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Our Father...

I believe in God the Father Almighty...

Collects

For the Week of the Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Almighty God, You know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, and that because of the weakness of our mortal nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

For the Day from the Treasury of Daily Prayer

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Congregation

O almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear our prayers, and grant unto our congregation all things that are needful. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; bless and protect the children; turn and soften the hearts of the wicked; arouse the careless, recover those who have fallen and restore those who repent of their sins; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Your truth; and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within Your holy church, to the honor of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Right Use of Christ's Body and Blood

O Lord, in the Holy Sacrament, Your servants celebrate the precious death of Your dear Son and receive the blessed Communion of His body and blood: Grant, we beseech You, that we may approach Your holy table with true repentance, faith, thankfulness, and love. Fill us with Your grace and heavenly benediction, that we may obtain forgiveness of all our sins and all the other benefits of Your Son's Passion; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Morning

O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: Shine upon our spirit and drive away the night of sin, that we may walk in Your holy light all our life and even forevermore; You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with us all. **Amen.**