

He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.  
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,  
The mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
To the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever, Amen.  
**Magnificat ant.** The Lord has satisfied and filled with good things those who  
hungered for justice.

#### INTERCESSIONS

Jesus announced the closeness of the Kingdom: God is not distant or disinterested but intimately close to us and we can call on him in all our needs. So now let us pray:

**R. O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.**

1. For all Christians that we may repent and know how close the Kingdom is. **R.**
2. For the removal of all man-made divisions among the followers of Christ. **R.**
3. For all who live in darkness, that they may receive Christ's light. **R.**
4. For ourselves that we may go from here with new minds and hearts. **R.**
5. For all who are suffering or are enslaved in any way, that they may be freed by the gospel. **R.**
6. For our beloved dead, that they may be welcomed into the company of the saints. **R.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom as Jesus taught us to pray:

#### OUR FATHER

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

We beseech your mercy, Lord,  
As we offer you this evening praise:  
Keep our hearts always engaged in meditating on your law,  
And grant us the light and reward of eternal life.  
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
**R. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**R. Amen.**

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

### EVENING PRAYER - Thursday

**V.** O God, come to our aid

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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

#### HYMN: COME O CREATOR

1. Come, O Creator Spirit Blest,  
And in our souls take up thy rest.  
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid,  
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

2. Great Paraclete to Thee we cry,  
O highest Gift of God most high,  
O Fount of Life, O Fire of Love,  
And sweet anointing from above.

#### *Refrain:*

Come, O Creator Spirit Blest,  
And in our souls take up thy rest.

3. Drive far from us the foe we dread,  
And grant us thy true peace instead.  
So shall we not, with Thee for guide,  
Turn from the path of Life aside.

#### PSALMODY

**Ant. 1:** I will make you the light of the nations to bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.

#### The royal power of the Messiah

*They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (Mt 2:11)*

O Gód, give your júdgement to the kíng, \*  
to a kíng's son your jústice,  
that he may júdge your péople in jústice\*  
and your póor in right júdgment.

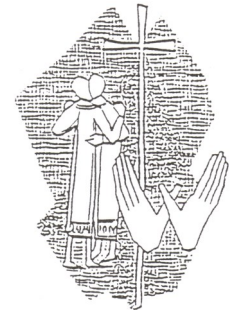
May the móuntains bring forth péace for the péople\*  
and the hills, jústice.

May he defénd the póor of the péople  
and save the children of the néedy\*  
and crúsh the opprésor.

He shall endúre like the sún and the móon\*  
from áge to áge.  
He shall descénd like ráin on the méadow,\*  
like ráindrops on the éarth.

In his dáys jústice shall flourish\*  
and péace till the moon fails.  
He shall rúle from séa to séa,\*  
from the Great Ríver to earth's bóunds.

Befóre him his énemies shall fáll,\*  
his fóes lick the dúst.



The kings of Thársis and the sea coasts\*  
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Shéba and Séba\*  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,\*  
all nations shall serve him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Ant:** I will make you the light of the nations to bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.

**Ant. 2:** The Lord will save the poor; from oppression he will rescue their lives.

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For he shall save the poor when they cry\*  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak\*  
and save the lives of the poor.

From oppression he will rescue their lives,\*  
to him their blood is dear.  
Long may he live,\*  
may the gold of Shéba be given him.  
They shall pray for him without ceasing\*  
and bless him all the day.

May corn be abundant in the land  
to the peaks of the mountains.\*  
May its fruit rustle like Lebanon;  
may men flourish in the cities\*  
like grass on the earth.

May his name be blessed for ever\*  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,\*  
all nations bless his name.

Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel,  
who alone works wonders,\*  
ever blessed his glorious name.  
Let his glory fill the earth.\*

Amén! Amén!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Ant:** The Lord will save the poor; from oppression he will rescue their lives.

**Ant. 3:** Victory and empire have now been won by our God.

**The judgment of God**

**Canticle: Rev 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a**

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,\*  
who are and who were,  
that you have taken your great power\*  
and begun to reign.

The nations raged,\*  
but your wrath came,  
and the time for the dead to be judged,\*  
for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,  
and those who fear your name,\*  
both small and great.

Now the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God\*  
and the authority of his Christ have come,  
for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down,\*  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

And they have conquered him\*  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,\*  
for they loved not their lives even unto death.  
Rejoice, then, O heaven,\*  
and you that dwell therein.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Ant.** Victory and empire have now been won by our God.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Pet 1:22-23**

You have been obedient to the truth and purified your souls until you can love like brothers, in sincerity; let your love for each other be real and from a pure heart - your new birth was not from any mortal seed but from the everlasting word of the living and eternal God.

**SHORT RESPONSORY**

**R.** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. **Repeat R.**  
**V.** Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **R.** Glory be. **R.**  
**Magnificat ant.** The Lord has satisfied and filled with good things those who hungered for justice.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.  
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.  
He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.

