

Luke 3:1-6

**Evening Prayer  
of the  
Second Sunday of  
Advent**

God, come to my assistance.  
*Lord, make haste to help me.*  
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.

## Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
And furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each his heart prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand, to heal our sore,  
And make us rise to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose Advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

## Psalm 109 (110)

*The Lord will come on the clouds of heaven  
with great power and might, alleluia.*

The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
'Sit on my right:  
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Sion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the dawn I begot  
you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not  
change.

'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand  
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the  
wayside  
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

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.

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## Psalm-prayer

Father, we ask you to give us victory and  
peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we  
are already seated at your right hand. We  
look forward to praise you in the fellowship  
of all your saints in our heavenly homeland.

## Psalm 113B (115)

### Praise of the true God

"Turn away from idols and worship the  
living and true God" (1 Th 1:9).

*The Lord will come; he is true to his word. If he  
seems to delay, keep watch for him, for he  
will surely come, alleluia.*

Not to us, Lord, not to us,  
but to your name give the glory  
for the sake of your love and your truth,  
lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?'

But our God is in the heavens;  
he does whatever he wills.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.

They have mouths but they cannot speak;  
they have eyes but they cannot see;

they have ears but they cannot hear;  
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

With their hands they cannot feel;  
with their feet they cannot walk.  
(No sound comes from their throats.)  
Their makers will come to be like them  
and so will all who trust in them.

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
He remembers us, and he will bless us;  
he will bless the sons of Israel.  
(He will bless the sons of Aaron.)

The Lord will bless those who fear him,  
the little no less than the great:  
to you may the Lord grant increase,  
to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The heavens belong to the Lord  
but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord,  
nor those who go down into the silence.  
But we who live bless the Lord  
now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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seems to delay, keep watch for him, for he  
will surely come, alleluia.*

### **Psalm-prayer**

Father, creator and ruler of heaven and  
earth, you made man in your likeness to  
subdue the earth and master it, and to  
recognize the work of your hands in created  
beauty. Grant that your children, thus  
surrounded on all sides by signs of your

presence, may live continually in Christ,  
praising you through him and with him.

### **Canticle**

#### **The wedding of the Lamb**

*The Lord our king and lawgiver will come to  
save us.*

Alleluia.  
Salvation, glory, and power to our God:  
(Alleluia.)  
his judgments are honest and true.  
Alleluia (alleluia).

Alleluia.  
Sing praise to our God, all you his servants,  
(Alleluia.)  
all who worship him reverently, great and  
small.  
Alleluia (alleluia).

Alleluia.  
The Lord our all-powerful God is King;  
(Alleluia.)  
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.  
Alleluia (alleluia).

Alleluia.  
The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,  
(Alleluia.)  
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.  
Alleluia (alleluia).

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.

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## Short Reading

### Philippians 4:4-5

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

## Short Responsory

Show us, Lord, your steadfast love.  
– *Show us, Lord, your steadfast love.*  
And grant us your salvation.  
– *Show us, Lord, your steadfast love.*  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
– *Show us, Lord, your steadfast love.*

## Canticle

### Magnificat

#### My soul rejoices in the Lord

*Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. (Year C)*  
*Or: Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your great faith; all that the Lord promised you will come to pass through you, alleluia.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

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and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

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## Prayers and intercessions

To Christ the Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, let us pray with joyful hearts:  
– *Come, Lord Jesus!*

Lord Jesus, in the mystery of your incarnation, you revealed your glory to the world,  
give us new life by your coming.  
– *Come, Lord Jesus!*

You have taken our weakness upon yourself,  
grant us your mercy.  
– *Come, Lord Jesus!*

You redeemed the world from sin by your first coming in humility,  
free us from all guilt when you come again in glory.  
– *Come, Lord Jesus!*

You live and rule over all,  
in your goodness bring us to our eternal inheritance.  
– *Come, Lord Jesus!*

You sit at the right hand of the Father,  
gladden the souls of the dead with your light.  
– *Come, Lord Jesus!*

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.

Let us pray:

God of power and mercy,  
open our hearts in welcome.  
Remove the things that hinder us from  
receiving Christ with joy,  
so that we may share his wisdom  
and become one with him when he comes in  
glory,  
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all  
evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

