



**Morning Prayer**  
**December 16 to December 22**

*Matins*

- L: O Lord, open my lips,  
C: and my mouth shall declare your praise
- C: 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! Alleluia!

- L: Give glory to God our light and our life.  
C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

- C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
the heights of the hills are also his,  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and 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 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.

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## **Psalms**

Dec 16 Monday: 40

Lord Jesus Christ, You became obedient to death and Your name was exalted above all others. Teach us always to do the Father's will, so that, made holy by Your obedience and united to Your sacrifice, we can know Your great love in times of sorrow and sing a new song to our God now and forever. Amen.

Dec 17 Tuesday: 85

God of love and faithfulness, You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son to be our Savior. Help us to receive Him as both Lord and brother and freely celebrate Him as our gracious Redeemer now and forever. Amen.

Dec 18 Wednesday: 53

Holy Father, apart from You nothing is true, nothing is holy. Eradicate our sins and give us strength in our weakness, so that all who believe in Your Son may rejoice in His glory now and forever. Amen.

Dec 19 Thursday: 126

Lord Jesus, our life and our resurrection, the tears You sowed in the sorrow of Your Passion brought the earth to flower on Easter morning. Renew the wonders of Your power in the Church, so that, after the sorrows of our exile, we may come home to You in gladness and praise You now and forever. Amen.

Dec 20 Friday: 130

God of might and compassion, You sent Your Word into the world as a watchman to announce the dawn of salvation. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but listen to Your Church pleading for the fullness of Your redeeming grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dec 21 Saturday: 80

Lord God, You so tend the vine You planted that now it extends its branches even to the farthest shore. Keep us in Your Son as branched on the vine, that, rooted firmly in Your love, we may testify before the whole world to Your great power working everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dec 22 Sunday: 25

Lord our God, You show us Your ways of compassion and love, and You spare sinners. Remember not our sins; relieve our misery; satisfy the longing of Your people; and fulfill all our hopes for eternal peace through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Lessons:**

Dec 16 Monday

Isaiah 8:16-9:1

2 Peter 1:1-11

Luke 22:39-53

Dec 17 Tuesday

Isaiah 9:2-7

2 Peter 1:12-21

Luke 22:54-69

Dec 18 Wednesday

Isaiah 9:8-17

2 Peter 2:1-10a

Mark 1-8

Dec 19 Thursday

Isaiah 9:18-10:4

2 Peter 2:10b-16

Matthew 3:1-12

Dec 20 Friday

Isaiah 10:5-19

2 Peter 2:17-22

Matthew 11:2-15

Dec 21 Saturday

Isaiah 10:20-27

Jude 17-25

Luke 3:1-9

Dec 22 Sunday **Advent 4**

Isaiah 11:1-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 3:16-21

- L: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C: But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.
- C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old that  
he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- L: You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- C: 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.

**Prayer of the day:**

Dec 16 Monday

Lord, hear our voices raised in prayer. Let the light of the coming of Your Son free us from the darkness of sin. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 17 Tuesday

Father of love, You make a new creation through Jesus Christ Your Son. May His coming free us from sin and renew His life within us, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 18 Wednesday

Father, may the coming celebration of the birth of Your Son bring us Your saving help and prepare us for eternal life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 19 Thursday

Lord, our sins bring us unhappiness. Hear our prayer for courage and strength. May the coming of Your Son bring us the joy of salvation. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 20 Friday

All-powerful Father, guide us with Your love as we await the coming of Your Son. Keep us faithful that we may be helped through life and brought to salvation. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 21 Saturday

Father, creator and redeemer of mankind, You decreed, and Your Word became man, born of the Virgin Mary. May we come to share the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share our human nature, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dec 22 Sunday **Advent 4**

Lord, fill our hearts with Your love, and as You revealed to us by an angel the coming of Your Son as man, so lead us through His suffering and death to the glory of His resurrection, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

L: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with You mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord almighty bless us,  
and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.

C: Amen.

Morning Prayer from LBW and *For All the Saints*

*For 200 years St. John's has been a  
bright beacon of Christ's light and life  
for the world.*

*200 years and the work continues:  
That all might know  
Christ's Love.*

*AS WE REFLECT ON JESUS'  
DEATH/RESURRECTION AND GOD'S  
UNMATCHED GENEROSITY  
TOWARDS US AND ALL CREATION,  
WE REALIZE IT'S ONLY BY HIS  
GRACE/FORGIVENESS THAT I CAN  
EVEN WRITE OR SPEAK ABOUT  
GENEROSITY—FOR HIS GENEROSITY  
IS BOTH PERFECT AND COMPLETE  
IN EVERY WAY.*

**God Loves you  
so very much!**

*ST. JOHN'S IS A GROUP OF SINNERS  
WHO HAVE BEEN CLAIMED BY GOD  
TO GATHER IN THIS PLACE TO  
WORSHIP HIM,  
TO LEARN ABOUT HIM,  
TO BASK IN HIS LOVE,*

*TO SHARE HIS LOVE WITH EACH  
OTHER, AND TO SPREAD THAT LOVE  
WITH THE WORLD.*

**GRACE**  
*happens*



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