

The Congregation at Prayer

For December 13th – December 19th (2020)

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Isaiah 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Psalm 4 and / or the appointed daily psalms listed below:

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	68	71 – 72	75 – 77	79 – 81	86 – 88	90 – 92	95 – 97
Evening	69 – 70	73 – 74	78	82 – 85	89	93 – 94	98 – 101

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Readings:

Sunday	Is. 29:15-30:14	Rev. 1:1-20
Monday	Is. 30:15-26	Rev. 2:1-29
Tuesday	Is. 30:27-31:9	Rev. 3:1-22
Wednesday	Is. 32:1-20	Rev. 4:1-11
Thursday	Is. 33:1-24	Rev. 5:1-14
Friday	Is. 34:1-2, 8-35:10	Rev. 6:1-17
Saturday	Is. 40:1-17	Rev. 7:1-17

****For a more flexible / intense Bible Reading Schedule read:***

-Old Testament: *Isaiah*

Collect for the week of the 3rd Sunday in Advent:

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Other Prayers (for the sick, and other various needs)

Lord's Prayer & Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of Week: Magnificat (LSB pg. 231)

**On Dec. 17th the Church starts praying what is called 'The Great O Antiphons'.
Pray the Antiphon on the correct day listed below, then pray or sing the
Magnificat in LSB pg. 231 (or Luke 1:46-55), then pray the Antiphon again.*

December 17th: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

December 18th: O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

December 19th: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us.

December 20th: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can open: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 21st: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22nd: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.

December 23rd: O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God

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