

## **Morning Prayer in the Christmas Season**

*For the 12 days of Christmas 12/25/2024 – January 5, 2025*

*For use with recorded prayer services on Christmas Day & New Year's Day*

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.**

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

L: Alleluia. Unto us a child is born,

**C: Oh come, let us worship him, Alleluia.**

**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 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.**

**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.**

L: Alleluia. Unto us a child is born,

**C: Oh come, let us worship him, Alleluia.**

*Scripture Reading – silence follows*

*Reading from a Church mother or father – silence follows*

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: Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared.**

**Today the just exult and say, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**C: Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared.**

**Today the just exult and say, Glory to God in the highest.**

*Prayers*

*Concluding prayer:*

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

**L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:**

**C: 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. 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.**