

**AN ADVENT-TIDE
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***the Lord Almighty
grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end***

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God; as it is written in the
prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger
before thy face, which shall prepare thy way
before thee. The voice of one crying in the
wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."*

MARK 1:1-3

R. *Thanks be to God.*

minister O God, make speed to save us.
people O Lord, make haste to help us.
minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
people As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be; world without end. Amen.
minister Praise ye the Lord.
people The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

*While the bridegroom tarried,
they all slumbered and slept.*

*And at midnight there was a cry made,
Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye
out to meet him.*



WACHET AUT

‘Wake, o wake.’ With tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise.
Midnight strikes. No more delaying,
‘The hour has come.’ we hear them saying:
‘Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?’
The Bridegroom comes in sight.
Raise high your torches bright.
Alleluia!
The wedding song swells long and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

MATTHEW 25:1-9

*v. But thou, O Lord, have
mercy upon us.*

R. Thanks be to God.



- minister* Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit.
- people* Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit.
- minster* For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord,
thou God of truth.
- people* I commend my spirit.
- minister* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
- people* Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit.

TE LUCIS ANTE TERMINUM

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That thou with wonted love wouldst keep
Thy watch around us while we sleep.

Almighty Father, hear our cry
Through Jesus Christ our Lord most high,
Who with the Holy Ghost and thee
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

*Lord, now lettest thou thy
servant depart in peace
// according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen
// thy salvation,*

*Which thou hast prepared
// before the face of all people;*

*To be a light to
lighten the Gentiles
// and to be the glory of
thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
// and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
// world without end.
Amen.*

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

MATTHEW 25:10-13

v. *But thou, O Lord, have
mercy upon us.*

R. *Thanks be to God.*

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

OUR FATHER, WHICH ART IN
HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME;
THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL
BE DONE; IN EARTH AS IT IS IN
HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR
TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THEM
THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION;
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. AMEN.

*Lord, have
mercy
upon
us.*

*Christ,
have mercy
upon
us.*

*Lord,
have
mercy
upon us.*

- V. *Blessed art thou, Lord God of
our mothers:*
- R. ***To be praised and glorified
above all for ever.***
- V. *Blessed art thou, Lord God of
our fathers:*
- R. ***To be praised and glorified
above all for ever.***
- V. *Let us bless the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Ghost:*
- R. ***Let us praise him and magnify
him for ever.***
- V. *Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the
firmament of heaven:*
- R. ***To be praised and glorified
above all for ever.***
- V. *The Almighty and most merciful
Lord guard us and give us
his blessing.*
- R. ***Amen.***

Minister & People

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

Minister

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- V. *Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us:*
- R. ***That thy people may rejoice in thee?***
- V. *O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.*
- R. ***And grant us thy salvation.***
- V. *Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.*
- R. ***O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.***
- V. *O Lord, hear our prayer:*
- R. ***And let our cry come unto thee.***

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

- V. *We will lay us down in peace
and take our rest.*
- R. ***For it is thou, Lord, only,
that makest us dwell in
safety.***
- V. *The Lord be with you.*
- R. ***And with thy spirit.***
- V. *Let us bless the Lord.*
- R. ***Thanks be to God.***



Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting.
She stands and waits with eager eyes.
See her friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending,
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Alleluia!
Let us prepare to follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.

THE ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL
LORD, THE FATHER, THE SON,
AND THE HOLY GHOST: BLESS
AND PRESERVE US. AMEN.

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