

Sunday December 19, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent (LOTH) Mid afternoon Daytime Prayer

INTRODUCTION

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

PSALMODY

Cantor 1: (note 1)

Ant. 1 Mary said: My soul is deeply troubled; what can this greeting mean? Am I to give birth to my King and yet remain a virgin for ever? (Vol I, p 315)

Psalm 23 (Vol I, p 1057)
The Good Shepherd
The Lamb himself will be their shepherd and will lead them to the springs of living waters (Revelation 7:17).

**The Lord is my shepherd; *
there is nothing I shall want.**
Fresh and green are the pastures *
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, *
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; *
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness *
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; *
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me *
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; *
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me *
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell *
for ever and ever.

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.

Leader:

Psalm Prayer (Vol I, p 1058)

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of baptism; anoint us with saving oil, and call us to salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest securely in you and live for ever in your Father's house.

Cantor 2: (note 1)

Psalm 76 (Vol I, p 1058)
Thanksgiving for victory
They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven (Matthew 24:30).

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**God is made known in Judah; *
in Israel his name is great.**
He set up his tent in Jerusalem *
and his dwelling place in Zion.
It was there he broke the flashing arrows, *
the shield, the sword, the armor.

You, O Lord, are resplendent, *
more majestic than the everlasting mountains.
The warriors, despoiled, slept in death; *
the hands of the soldiers were powerless.
At your threat, O God of Jacob, *
horse and rider lay stunned.

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.

Cantor 1: (note)

II

You, you alone, strike terror. *

Who shall stand when your anger is roused?

You uttered your sentence from the heavens; *
the earth in terror was still
when God arose to judge, *
to save the humble of the earth.

Men's anger will serve to praise you; *
its survivors surround you in joy.
Make vows to your God and fulfill them. *
Let all pay tribute to him who strikes terror,
who cuts short the life of princes, *
who strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

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.

Leader:

Psalm Prayer (Vol I, p 1059)

Your power is awesome, Father, and wonderful is your holiness. In
your presence the earth both trembles and stands still, for you
shattered death's power by the cross. Rise to help your people: give
your light and grant salvation to the meek of the earth, that they may
praise your name in heaven.

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Reader:

2 Thessalonians 1:6, 7, 10a (Vol I, p 315)

Strict justice requires that God will provide relief to you who are
sorely tried, as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from
heaven with his mighty angels, on the Day when he comes, to be
glorified in his holy ones and adored by all who have believed.

pause then:

Come, Lord, do not delay.

— Free your people from their sinfulness.

Leader:

Concluding Prayer (Vol I, p 313)

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 for ever and ever.
— Amen.

Or:

Father, all-powerful God,
Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth
When the Virgin Mary placed her life
At the service of your plan.
Lift our minds in watchful hope
To hear the voice which announces his glory
And open our minds to receive the Spirit
Who prepares us for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
— Amen.

Notes:

(1) CANTOR 1 MUST BE SITTING ON RIGHT SIDE FACING STAGE,
CANTOR 2 MUST BE SITTING ON LEFT SIDE FACING STAGE.