

# Benediction Hymns and Prayer

## O SAVING VICTIM

O saving victim, op'ning wide  
The gate of heav'n to us below.  
Our foes press on from ev'ry side,  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
For evermore, blest One in Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end,  
In our true native land with thee.  
Amen.

## HYMN OF ADORATION

Down in adoration falling,  
This great sacrament we hail;  
Ancient types have long departed  
Newer rites of grace prevail  
Faith for all defects supplying  
Where the feeble senses fail.

Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
honour, might and praise addressing  
while eternal ages run;  
Equal praise to him confessing  
who proceeds from both as one.  
AMEN

V. You have given them bread from heaven  
R. Having in itself all delight.

## GOD WITH HIDDEN MAJESTY

God with hidden majesty, lies in presence here,  
I with deep devotion my true God revere:  
Whom this outward shape and form secretly contains,  
Christ in his divinity manhood still retains.

All my other senses, cannot now perceive,  
But my hearing, taught by faith, always will believe:  
I accept whatever God the Son has said:  
Those who hear the word of God, by the truth are fed.

Blest reminder of the death suffered for the world,  
Sacrament of living bread, health to every mind,  
Let my soul approach you, live within your grace,  
Let me taste the perfect joys time shall not efface.

## PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

**Celebrant:** At the sight of the crowds,  
Jesus' heart was moved.

**Response:** *For they were like sheep without a shepherd.*

**Celebrant:** Jesus said, 'The harvest is ready.'

**Response:** *But the labourers are few.*

**Celebrant:** Ask the Lord to send our labourers for the harvest.

**Response:** *O Lord, we pray for more young people to answer the call to become priests and religious in your harvest.*

**Celebrant:** And shepherd for your people.

**Response:** *Amen.*



## MONDAY 13 December 2021

*Saint Lucy (M)*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us,  
powerful in virginity, modesty her offering,  
a sacrifice on the altar of chastity (E.T. alleluia).

### FIRST READING:

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 (JB)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*Ps 24:4-9 (JB)*

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make we know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in you truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. R.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-27 (JB)

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lamb who is at the center of the throne  
will lead them to the springs of the waters of  
life (E.T. alleluia).

## WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

## 13–18 DECEMBER 2021 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT YEAR C

### TUESDAY 14 December 2021

*Saint John of the Cross (M)*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

May I never boast,  
except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through which the world has been crucified to me,  
and I to the world.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 (JB)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*Ps 33:2-3, 6-7, 16, 18-19, 23 (JB)*

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Look toward him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. R.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. R.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, O Lord, do not delay:  
forgive the sins of your people.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32 (JB)

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny  
himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

**WEDNESDAY 15 December 2021**

*Wednesday of the third week of Advent*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord will come and he will not delay.  
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness  
and reveal himself to all the nations.

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-26 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 84:9-14 (JB)*

R. Let the clouds rain down the Just One,  
and the earth bring forth a Saviour.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. R.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Raise your voice and tell the Good News:  
the Lord our God comes in strength.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 7:19-23 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold, our Lord will come with power  
and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

**THURSDAY 16 December 2021**

*Thursday of the third week of Advent*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are  
truth.  
From of old I have known of your decrees, for  
you are eternal.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 54:1-10 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 (JB)*

R. I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the  
grave. R.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment;  
his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with  
dawn. R.

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into  
dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his  
paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 7:24-30 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Let us live justly and devoutly in this age,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of the glory of our great God.

**FRIDAY 17 December 2021**

*17 December*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Rejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth,  
for our Lord will come to show mercy to his poor.

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 49:2, 8-10 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 71:1-4, 7-8, 17 (JB)*

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of  
peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. R.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the  
people  
and the hills, justice.  
May he defend the poor of the people  
and save the children of the needy. R.

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. R.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come,  
Wisdom of God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
teach us to walk in the paths of knowledge!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 1:1-17 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold, the Desired of all the nations will come,  
and the house of the Lord will be filled with  
glory.

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**SATURDAY 18 December 2021**

*18 December*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Christ our King is coming,  
he is the Lamb foretold by John.

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 23:5-8 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 71:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 (JB)*

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and  
fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. R.

Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel,  
who alone works wonders,  
ever blessed his glorious name.  
Let his glory fill the earth  
Amen! Amen! R.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come,  
Leader of ancient Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
rescue us with your mighty power!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 1:18-24 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

His name will be called Emmanuel,  
which means God-with-us.

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