

Daily Prayers for the week of Christmas II – 01/03/2021

OPENING VERSICLES:

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Glory be 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. Alleluia

PSALMODY: Psalm 2 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 111; 107, 15; Mon: 103; 93, 97; Tues: 99; 96, 110;
Wed: 72; 100, 67; Thurs: 66; 67, 70; Fri: 68; 69; Sat: 71; 72

JANUARY HYMN: 402 – The Only Son From Heaven Hymn: 385

CATECHISM:

What is the Sixth Petition?

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:13-23 ESV

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt

¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” Herod Kills the Children

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they care no more.” The Return to Nazareth

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”

²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

RESPONSE: O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

CATECHESIS:

This day, we see even more vividly, that Jesus was born to suffer and die. Herod’s

murderous plots against Him cause Mary and Joseph to flee to Egypt according to the Lord’s Word. In the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, we see the depth of human wickedness and Jesus’ future fate as the Innocent One who will suffer for the guilty. In the Holy family’s sojourn out of Egypt and avoidance of Judea, we see how God’s providence directed Him to live in Nazareth of Galilee. All things unfolded for our salvation according to the good and gracious will of God and according to the Scriptures.

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

KYRIE: Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy;** **Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.**

COLLECT OF THE WEEK:

Almighty and everlasting God : direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Thee and Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:

(p. 327 in the hymnal or in Section 2 Daily Prayers in the Catechism)

BENEDICAMUS:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Looking ahead to The Epiphany of our Lord – 01/06/2020:

OT: Isaiah 60:1-6 Ep: Ephesians 3:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
Chief Hymn: 395 – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Looking ahead to The Baptism of our Lord – 01/10/2021:

OT: Isa 42:1-7; Ep: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Gospel: Matt 3:13-17; Chief Hymn: 406