



DAILY LITURGY & READINGS

CATECHETICAL DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE
SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

LITURGY FOR FAMILY PRAYER

(ADVENT THROUGH JANUARY 5)

INVOCATION

EVERYONE MAY MAKE THE SIGN OF THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

2ND ARTICLE OF THE CREED & EXPLANATION

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

I believe that Jesus Christ is true God,

begotten of the Father from eternity,

and also true man, born of the virgin Mary;

and that He is my Lord,

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature,

purchased and won me from all sins,

from death and from the power of the devil;

not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood,

and with His innocent suffering and death;

in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom,

**and serve Him in everlasting righteousness,
innocence and blessedness;
even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.**

READ THE LESSON FOR THE DAY

WEEK OF NOV. 27 - THE INCARNATION

Monday	The fullness of God – Colossians 1:19-20; 2:8-10
Tuesday	God sent forth his Son – Galatians 4:4-5
Wednesday	The Word became flesh – John 1:1-14
Thursday	The Annunciation – Luke 1:26-38
Friday	In the days of His flesh – Hebrews 5:5-8

WEEK OF DEC. 4 - STATE OF HUMILIATION

Monday	Jesus Humbled Himself – Philippians 2:5-8
Tuesday	Jesus Endured Contempt and Persecution – Isaiah 53:3
Wednesday	Jesus Chooses Not to Use His Power – Matthew 26:47-56
Thursday	Jesus Suffered Great Agony – John 19:1-3
Friday	Jesus Died an Excruciating Death – John 19:16-18

WEEK OF DEC. 11 - STATE OF EXALTATION

Monday	The Ascension of Jesus – Luke 24:44-53
Tuesday	Jesus Is Exalted – Philippians 2:9-11
Wednesday	The Ascension of Jesus – Acts 1:1-11
Thursday	Jesus Is Victorious – Colossians 2:8-15
Friday	All Things Under His Feet – Ephesians 1:20-23

WEEK OF DEC. 18 - JESUS AS MAN & GOD

Monday	The Lamb of God – John 1:29-30
Tuesday	Christ Will Return Visibly in Glory – Revelation 1:7
Wednesday	Jesus has flesh and bones – Luke 24:39-43
Thursday	Jesus Sympathizes – Hebrews 4:14-16
Friday	The Grace of God Has Appeared – Titus 2:11-14

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Dec. 25	Christ is Born – Luke 2
Dec. 26	The Humble King – Phil 2:5-11
Dec. 27	Birth of Jesus – Matthew 1:18-25
Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents – Matthew 2:13-18
Dec. 29	The World Made By Him; The Word Made Flesh – John 1:1-14
Dec. 30	The World Rejoices & The Star Appears – Psalm 98
Dec. 31	The First and the Last – Revelation 22:12-13
Jan. 1	The 8th Day; Jesus First Sheds His Blood – Luke 2:21
Jan. 2	Wise Men & Joseph Warned – Matthew 2:1-12
Jan. 3	Simeon – Luke 2:25-35
Jan. 4	Anna – Luke 2:36-40
Jan. 5	Nations Would Come to the Light – Isaiah 60

THE MAGNIFICAT *(FOR ADVENT)*

LUKE 1:46-55

O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord,
come and save us, O Lord our God.

**My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.
For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.**

**And His mercy is on those who fear Him
From generation to generation.
He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich He has sent away empty.
He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy,
As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.**

O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord,
come and save us, O Lord our God.

THE GLORIA (FOR CHRISTMAS)

LUKE 2:14

**Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!**

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

MORNING:

The Lord Almighty order this day
and all our doings in His † peace.

Amen.

EVENING:

The almighty and most merciful Lord,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy
Spirit bless and preserve us.

Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

BASED ON SONG OF SONGS 2:17

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

TO CATECHISTS / PARENTS:

We have been faithful in reading Scripture and
my catechumen / child has learned by heart the
catechism texts for this season:

(SIGN AND RETURN TO PASTOR AFTER THIS SEASON)