

ADVENT WEEK 2

Monday
Morning Praise

Psalter Week 2

Invocation:

You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive praise and glory, honor and blessing:

– Let us praise and exalt God above all forever!

(Geste, OfP Praises 2)

Glory ...

Hymn

Tone 5

Antiphon 1: We cannot serve God and wealth; ' therefore we will serve God with our whole heart. (Cf. Mt 6:24b)

Tone 2

Antiphon 2: Lift up your heads and see ' that the Word-Made-Flesh is about to be born!

Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18

A spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Reading: Francis, *The Earlier Rule*

Let us be very much on our guard that, under the guise of some reward or assistance, we do not lose or take our mind away from God. But, in the holy love which is God, I beg all my brothers [and sisters], ... after overcoming every impediment and putting aside every care and anxiety, to serve, love, honor and adore the Lord God with a clean heart and a pure mind in whatever way they are best able to do so, for that is what [God] wants above all else.

(ER 22:25-26)

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Response:

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; they shall not learn war any more. – Nation shall not ...

God shall arbitrate for many peoples; – they shall not ...

Glory ... – Nation shall not ...

Canticle of Zechariah

Antiphon: God has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the woman Mary.

Intercessions:

You send us joy in the morning and mercy in the night, and so we pray:

Hear us, O God.

- For all who live in situations of hopelessness and unending experience, we pray:
- For leaders of that church, and family and for all who bear special responsibility for others, we pray:
- For all seekers of truth, that they may grow in knowledge and wisdom, we pray:
- For the sick among us, that they may know profound healing in both body and spirit, and for all who care for them, we pray:

Our Father ...

Prayer: O God, your Chosen One came among us as one who was little and poor. Help us understand that it is in littleness and poverty that we will find you in ourselves and in others and thus image your loving kindness in our world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing:

May the Lord give us peaceful hearts, fill our souls with joy, and preserve in us the virtue of patience. (Cf. 1C 42)