



New Year's Eve and the 7th Day of Christmas

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HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful | #133

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Eternal Father before whom all generations rise and fall, teach us to think earnestly on the brevity of our lives and on the immensity of your goodness. Help us to enter the new year trusting in the name of your Son and walking in the way of his peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

REVIEW AND REMEMBER

We remember the birth of Jesus and our Christmas celebration.

Luke 1 and Luke 2
Hymn 139: v.1–2, 5

We remember Jesus revealed in his Epiphany as the Son of God by his great miracles.

Matthew 8 — Matthew 15 — Luke 9
Hymn 225

We remember Jesus sacrificed for our sins.

Isaiah 53 — John 19
Hymn 284: v.1–3

We remember the joy of celebrating Easter.

Matthew 28 — John 11
Hymn 348

We remember our Lord's ascending to heaven with all power and glory.

Acts 1 — Ephesians 1
Hymn 388: v.1–3

We remember Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

Acts 2 — 1 Corinthians 2 —
1 Corinthians 12
Hymn 401: v.4–5

We remember the preaching of God's word, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

2 Timothy 3 — Matthew 28 —
Titus 3 — 1 Corinthians 11
Hymn 211: v.6–7

We remember the Lord's help in time of sickness, trouble, or temptation.

Psalms 46 — Isaiah 42 — Romans 8
Hymn 263: v.2–4

We remember that Christ will come again and raise the dead.

John 11 — 1 Thessalonians 4 —
Revelation 21
Hymn 534: v.7–9, 14

We give thanks and re-dedicate ourselves to Christ for the coming year.

Joshua 24 — Romans 12
Hymn 596

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: God of mercy, you live in everlasting glory, and your name is eternal. We give thanks that you have revealed to us the name of your only Son, Jesus, our Savior, the name above every name, the only name by which we are saved, the name in which we have been baptized, and at whose name every knee will bow.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We give thanks for all the blessings of the past year. You have helped us in the past, and there is no end to your mercy. In these difficult times, protect your church from the assaults of the evil one. Keep all pastors from false teaching, and keep your flock from indifference and shame.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bless the nations of the earth with leaders who are wise and just, with public servants who are compassionate and patient, and with citizens who are honorable and respectful. Bless all the lawful actions taken by our country. Do not let us grow weary in well-doing.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bless the resources of the earth and the labor of all workers. Bless our children. Grant that they may grow in virtue and faithfulness until the end.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Have mercy on those who are lonely, tired, anxious, or despairing; on those without home, employment, or family, those who have lost hope and those whose holiday joy has become sorrow for any reason. Remember us in our dark times, and teach us all not to worry about the future.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Lord, forgive us for the sins of the past year. As we look to a new year, we confess to you that we are anxious and uncertain, for we do not know what will come to us. Yet, Lord, we know that you will be with us according to your mercy. Bless the endeavors of our congregation this year and help us to grow in your wisdom.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

You are our God; our times are in your hands. Give strength to the weary, and new strength to those who wait, especially to us as we wait for the return of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

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HYMN FOR THE NEW YEAR

My God, Accept My Heart This Day | #512

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