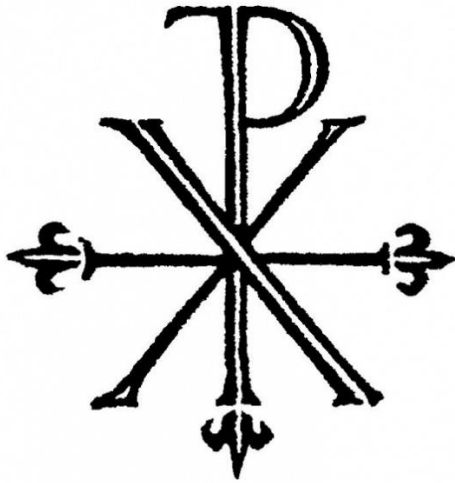


Divine Worship



*The Church of the*  
**Redeemer**



**Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
**December 24, A.D. 2023**

# The Order for Daily Morning Prayer

¶ The Minister shall begin the Morning Prayer by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture in a voice audible to all.

**R**EPENT ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
*St. Matthew 3:2*

Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. *Revelation 1:7*

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

## Of the Father's Love Begotten

Words: Aurelius Prudentius, 5th Century (*Corde natus ex parentis*);  
translated from Latin to English by The Rev. Dr. John M. Neale (Anglican), 1854, and Henry W. Baker (Anglican), 1859.  
Music: *Divinum Mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th Century

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

At His Word the worlds were framèd; He commanded; it was done:  
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;  
All that grows beneath the shining  
Of the moon and burning sun, evermore and evermore!

He is found in human fashion, death and sorrow here to know,  
That the race of Adam's children doomed by law to endless woe,  
May not henceforth die and perish  
In the dreadful gulf below, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessèd, when the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!

This is He Whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord;  
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
Now He shines, the long expected,  
Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

**D**EARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

### **A General Confession**

¶ To be said by the whole congregation, with the Minister, all kneeling.

**A**Lmighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

### **The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins**

¶ To be pronounced by the Presbyter alone, or by the Bishop if he be present, standing; the people still kneeling.

¶ But note, That the Presbyter, at his discretion, may use, instead of what follows, the Declaration of Absolution from

the Order for the Holy Communion. If the Minister be not a Presbyter, he shall remain kneeling, and read the Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer, the people still kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in Divine Service.

**O**UR 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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ Then, still kneeling, he shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

¶ Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Answer.* *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* *The Lord's Name be praised.*

¶ Then shall be said or sung the following Canticle.

*Venite, exultemus Domino* from Psalm 95 and 96

**O** COME let us sing | unto • the LORD;  
\* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with | **thanks**giving;  
\* and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a | **great** God;  
\* and a great | King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth;  
\* and the strength of the hills is | **his** also.

5 The sea is | his and • he made it;  
\* and his hands pre|pared • the **dry** land.

6 O come let us worship and | **fall** down,  
\* and kneel before the | LORD our **Maker**.

7 For he is the | Lord our God;  
\* and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the | sheep of **his** hand.

8 O worship the LORD in the | beauty • of holiness;  
\* let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.

9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;  
\* and with righteousness to judge the world,  
And the | peoples with his truth.

**G**LORY be to the Father and | to the Son,  
\* and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,  
\* world without | **end. Amen.**

*Lector.* The psalm appointed for the last Sunday in Advent is from Psalm 132.

**Psalm 132: 8-19.** *Memento, Domine.*

**A**RISE, O LORD, into Your resting-place; \*  
You, and the ark of Your strength.

9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
and let Your saints sing with joyfulness.

10 For Your servant David's sake, \*  
turn not away the face of Your Anointed.

11 The LORD has made a faithful oath to David, \*  
and He shall not turn from it:

12 Of the fruit of your body \*  
shall I set upon your throne.

13 If your children will keep My covenant,  
and My testimonies that I shall teach them; \*  
their children also shall sit upon your throne for evermore.

14 For the LORD has chosen Sion to be a habitation for Himself; \*  
He has longed for her.

15 This shall be My rest for ever: \*  
here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16 I will bless her provisions with increase, \*  
and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with health, \*  
and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: \*  
I have ordained a lamp for My Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame; \*  
but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son,\*  
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,\*  
world without end. Amen.

*Lector.*                    A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

## **2 Samuel 7:1-17**

**N**OW when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,<sup>2</sup> the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.”<sup>3</sup> And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan,<sup>5</sup> “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’”<sup>8</sup> Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, “Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be

made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”<sup>17</sup> In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

*Lector.*                This is the Word of the Lord.  
*People.*                Thanks be to God.

¶ And after that shall be sung or said the Hymn following.

### *Te Deum laudamus*

**W**E praise thee O God; we acknowledge thee to |be the Lord.  
\* All the earth doth worship thee, the Father |ever**lasting**.

2 To thee all Angels cry aloud;  
the Heavens and all the |Powers therein;  
\* To thee the Cherubim and Seraphim con|tinually do cry,

3 Holy Holy Holy Lord God of |Sabaoth;  
\* Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty |of thy **glory**.

4 The glorious company of the Apostles |**praise** thee.  
\* The goodly fellowship of the |Prophets **praise** thee.

5 The noble army of Martyrs |**praise** thee.  
\* The holy Church throughout all the world |doth acknowledge thee

6 The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine adorable true and |only Son;  
\* Also the Holy |Ghost the Comforter

**T**HOU art the King of |Glory • O Christ  
\* Thou art the everlasting |Son of • the **Father**.

8 When thou tookest upon thee to de|liver man,  
\* thou didst humble thyself to be |born of • a **Virgin**.

9 When thou hadst overcome the |sharpness • of death,  
\* thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to |all **believers**.

10 Thou sittest at the right |hand of God,  
\* in the glory |of the **Father**.



11 We believe that thou shalt come to |be our Judge.  
\* We therefore pray thee help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed |with thy precious blood.

12 Make them to be numbered |with thy Saints,  
\* in glory |ever**lasting**.

**O** LORD save thy people and bless thine |heritage.  
\* Govern them and lift them |up for **ever**.

14 Day by day we |magni•fy thee;  
\* And we worship thy Name ever |world without **end**.

15 Vouchsafe O Lord to keep us this day with|**out** sin.  
\* O Lord have mercy upon us, have |mercy • upon us.

16 O Lord let thy mercy be upon us, as our |trust • is in • thee.  
\* O Lord in thee have I trusted;  
let me never |be **confounded**.

*Lector.*                    A reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the  
Romans.

### **Romans 16:25-27**

**N**OW to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

*Lector.*                    This is the Word of the Lord.  
*People.*                    *Thanks be to God*

¶ And after that shall be sung or said the Hymn following.

## *Jubilate Deo* Psalm 100

**O** BE joyful in the Lord|all ye lands:  
\* serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his |presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not |we ourselves;  
\* we are his people and the |sheep of • his **p**asture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his |courts with praise;  
\* be thankful unto him and |**s**peak |good of • his Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is |everlasting;  
\* and his truth endureth from generation to |generation.

**G**LORY be to the Father and | to the Son,  
\* and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,  
world without | **end. Amen.**

*Minister.* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to  
St. \_\_\_\_\_.

*All.* (Sung)

**O** KING of the Nations\*  
and their Desire;

the Cornerstone who makest both one:\*  
Come and save mankind, who thou formedst of clay.

### **St. Luke 1:26-38**

**I**N the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive

in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

*Minister.*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All.*                    (Sung)

**O** Emmanuel,\*  
our King and Lawgiver,

the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation:\*  
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

### **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

Words: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth, (Anglican) 1855  
Music: Truro, Wellington

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
  behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
  the Savior of the world is here.

  O blest the land, the city blest,  
  where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
  O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King of triumph comes!

  Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
  make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on  
until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame  
be offered, Savior, to thy Name!

¶ Then shall be said the CREED commonly called the Nicene.

### Nicene Creed

**I** BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the ✠ Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

¶ A homily or may be offered.

¶ And after that, these Prayers following, the people devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing,

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

*Minister.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Answer.* And grant us thy salvation.

*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Answer.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**O** LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**A**Lmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

¶ This Collect is to be repeated every day, after the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas Day.

### **A Collect for Peace**

**O** GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Grace**

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Here may also follow an Anthem or Hymn.

## **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Translated: The Rev. Dr. John Mason Neal, 1818-66 (Anglican)  
Music: French Processional, *Veni Emmanuel*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### **A Prayer for the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority**

**O**LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Clergy and People**

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for all Conditions of Men**

**O** GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

### **A General Thanksgiving**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Note, That the General Thanksgiving may be said by the Congregation with the Minister.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **2 Corinthians 13:14**

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

## Of the Father's Love Begotten

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O ye heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King!  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Every voice in concert sing, evermore and evermore!

Righteous judge of souls departed, righteous King of them that live,  
On the Father's throne exalted none in might with Thee may strive;  
Who at last in vengeance coming  
Sinners from Thy face shalt drive, evermore and evermore!

Thee let old men, thee let young men, thee let boys in chorus sing;  
Matrons, virgins, little maidens, with glad voices answering:  
Let their guileless songs re-echo,  
And the heart its music bring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

¶ The Deacon, or the Presbyter, dismisses them with these or other words.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### *The Christ Mass*

*December 24, 10:00 pm*

*Holy Communion and candle lighting.*

*Kids welcome to attend in their pajamas.*

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