

Midweek Advent 1  
December 1, 2021

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalm

*Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 43–45*

- <sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
<sup>2</sup>Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
<sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
<sup>4</sup>Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
<sup>5</sup>Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
<sup>6</sup>O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
<sup>23</sup>Then Israel came to Egypt;  
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.  
<sup>24</sup>And the LORD made his people very fruitful  
and made them stronger than their foes.  
<sup>25</sup>He turned their hearts to hate his people,  
to deal craftily with his servants.  
<sup>26</sup>He sent Moses, his servant,  
and Aaron, whom he had chosen.  
<sup>43</sup>So he brought his people out with joy,  
his chosen ones with singing.  
<sup>44</sup>And he gave them the lands of the nations,  
and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,  
<sup>45</sup>that they might keep his statutes  
and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

343 Prepare the Royal Highway

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory  
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

ref Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God's Word!

- 2 God's people, see Him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

- 3 Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him!  
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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Reading

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Exodus 3:1–14*

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*John 15:1–8*

## Responsory (Advent)

- L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L** In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

## Sermon

### 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

## Offering

## Prayer

## Kyrie

- C** **Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

## Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

## Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**C** **And let my cry come to You.**

## Collect of the Day

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Benedicamus**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Benediction**

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

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

**1** 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.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.

**2** A righteous Helper comes to thee;

His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.

**3** How blest the land, the city blest,

Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.

**4** Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!

**5** Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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