

Midweek Advent Service  
December 13, 2023

- 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.  
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 85

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
**you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**  
<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
**you covered all their sin.**  
<sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
**you turned from your hot anger.**  
<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
**and put away your indignation toward us!**  
<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?  
**Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**  
<sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again,  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**  
<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**and grant us your salvation.**  
<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.**  
<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
**that glory may dwell in our land.**  
<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**righteousness and peace kiss each other.**  
<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
**and righteousness looks down from the sky.**  
<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
**and our land will yield its increase.**  
<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
**and make his footsteps a way.**

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** A reading from Genesis, chapter 5.

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

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- L** A reading from Hebrews, chapter 11.

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- L** A reading from John, chapter 8.

*Genesis 5:18–24*

*Hebrews 11:1–6*

*John 8:12–20*

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### 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 The Jesse Tree: Enoch

#### 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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### Offering

#### Kyrie

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

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#### 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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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.**

### 331 The Advent of Our King

- 1 **The advent of our King**  
**Our prayers must now employ,**  
**And we must hymns of welcome sing**  
**In strains of holy joy.**
- 2 **The everlasting Son**  
**Incarnate deigns to be,**  
**Himself a servant's form puts on**  
**To set His servants free.**
- 3 **O Zion's daughter, rise**  
**To meet your lowly King,**

**Nor let your faithless heart despise**  
**The peace He comes to bring.**

- 4 **As judge, on clouds of light,**  
**He soon will come again**  
**And His true members all unite**  
**With Him in heav'n to reign.**

- 5 **Before the dawning day**  
**Let sin's dark deeds be gone,**  
**The sinful self be put away,**  
**The new self now put on.**

- △ 6 **All glory to the Son,**  
**Who comes to set us free,**  
**With Father, Spirit, ever one**  
**Through all eternity.**

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