

# ADVENT MIDWEEK I

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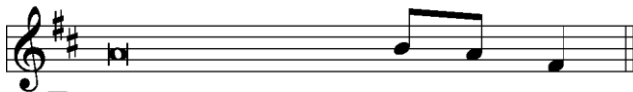
*“Restore!”*

## THE OPENING VERSES

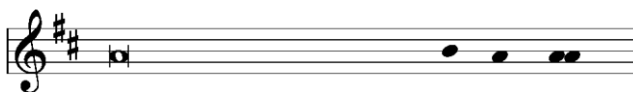
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Advent:* Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

## THE PSALM Psalm 80:1-10, 14-19 (ESV)

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock.

**C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

P: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

**C: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

**C: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

P: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.

**C: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.**

P: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

**C: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**

P: the stock that Your right hand planted, and for the son whom You made strong for yourself.

**C: They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of Your face!**

P: But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand,

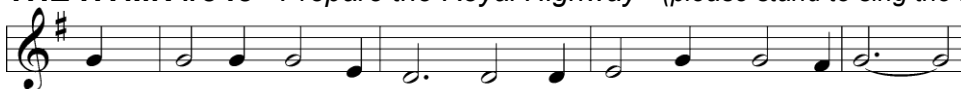
**C: the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

P: Then we shall not turn back from You; give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

**C: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved! 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.**

*(please be seated)*

## THE HYMN #343 "Prepare the Royal Highway" (please stand to sing the final verse)



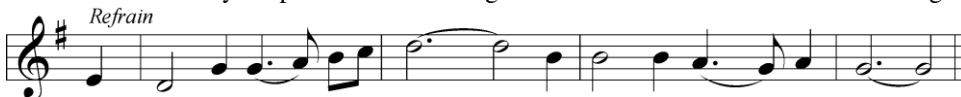
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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*(please be seated)*

## THE ADVENT GOSPEL Luke 1:1-25

### THE RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

P: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.



*Refrain*  
This is the name  
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

## THE SERMON “Restore!” Text: Psalm 80

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

### THE HYMN #933 “My Soul Rejoices”

(A hymn version of the Virgin Mary’s song of praise, known as “The Magnificat”)



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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**(please stand)**

## THE PRAYERS

### The Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### The Collects

**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; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, Giver and Perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in our catechumens, and You have blessed their instruction and training in Your Word. We implore You to pour out Your Holy Spirit on their hearts and minds so that they will truly love and revere You, confess the faith with joy and boldness, endeavor to live according to Your commandments, and praise and glorify You as their faithful God and Lord, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Heavenly Father, as your family we gather to receive anew the gifts of your wisdom and guidance. May these and all Your gifts turn our homes into places of healing and abundance so that Christ's love establishes us in mercy and grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Prayers continue on the next page)*

## **THE PRAYERS** (continued)

P: Lord of life, with whom live the spirits of those who depart in the faith, by Your Word and Spirit strengthen all Your children who mourn. Increase in all mourners the confidence that all who die in faith are with You in everlasting life and eternal peace. Give them courage to walk by faith until the great day of Resurrection when all who belong to You will be reunited in glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father for all Your benefits. Bless us, and all the gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, including the food by which You give us our daily bread, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICAMUS**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **THE 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.**

*(please be seated)*

## THE CLOSING HYMN #884 "Lord, Support Us All Day Long"



1 Lord, sup - port us all day long, Guide and strength - en.  
2 Be our light in dark - ness, Lord, Our de - fend - er;  
3 With Your pres - ence, Lord, draw near Those who la - bor  
4 Gra - cious Lord, we give You thanks, Praise and bless You,



Eve - ning comes, the world is hushed, Shad - ows length - en,  
In Your pres - ence per - ils all Must sur - ren - der.  
Through the night - time on be - half Of their neigh - bor.  
As the giv - er of all good We con - fess You.



Work is done, life's fe - vered pace Now has end - ed;  
Drive all dark sa - tan - ic snares From each dwell - ing;  
Grant them cour - age for each fear, Faith - ful car - ing;  
This past day we now com - mit To Your keep - ing



Christ, to You, our fi - nal rest Is com - mend - ed.  
Then, at peace, our hearts Your praise Will be tell - ing.  
Your com - pas - sion and Your love Tru - ly shar - ing.  
And en - trust to You the hours Of our sleep - ing.

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*Please join us downstairs for supper following our dismissal.*

*A free will offering will be received.*

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