

# Advent Devotions in Hymnody

Advent Midweek – December 4, 2024

Order of Worship

## WELCOME

### The Advent of Our King

#### Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.-ESV®

#### “The Advent of Our King”

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- 1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite 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.

## Revelation 1:7

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.-GW®

### “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

LSB 336



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion,  
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



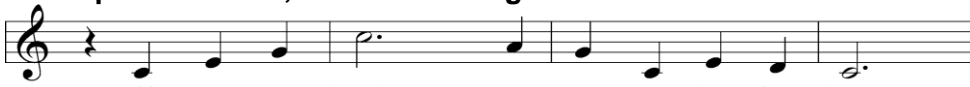
lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

# Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
 And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
 that the King of glory may come in.  
 Who is this King of glory?  
 The Lord, strong and mighty,  
 the Lord, mighty in battle!  
 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
 And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
 that the King of glory may come in.  
 Who is this King of glory?  
 The Lord of hosts,  
 he is the King of glory! -ESV®

## “Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors”

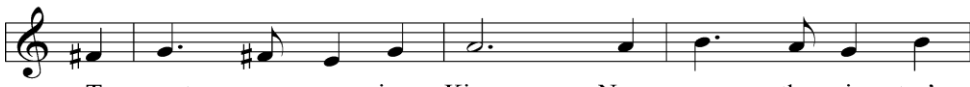
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1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,  
 2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?  
 3 Who may as - cend Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill  
 4 “Wor - thy is Christ!” The Lamb who once was slain



And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,  
 What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,  
 To do God's will? The One whose un - stained hands  
 Now lives to reign. He rules our earth - ly ways



To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's  
 Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble  
 Can meet the Law's de - mands, Whose pu - ri - ty with -  
 As Lord of An - cient Days— O join the end - less



palm And sing the an - cient psalm: “Lift up your  
 steed De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,  
 in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this  
 song Sung by the ran - somed throng: “Wor - thy is



heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!” Your King a - waits!  
 Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.  
 King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!  
 Christ!” The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. God with us.

### John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. -ESV®

### “Savior of the Nations, Come”

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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

## Haggai 2:7

“And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory,” says the Lord of hosts. -ESV®

### “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

## Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, “Ask the Lord your God for a sign. It can be anything you want.”

But Ahaz answered, “I won’t ask; I wouldn’t think of testing the Lord.”

“Listen now, descendants of David,” Isaiah said. “Isn’t it enough that you try the patience of mortals? Must you also try the patience of my God? <sup>14</sup> So the Lord himself will give you this sign: A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and she will name Him Immanuel [God Is With Us]. -GW®

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

*Refrain*



Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 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. Refrain

## 'Tis the season...for you.

### Benediction

#### “Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

### POSTLUDE

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**CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP SERVICES**

***"Come, Let Us Adore HIM"***  
*worship with us this Christmastide.*

**Wednesday Advent Worship Services:**

December 11<sup>th</sup>  
December 18<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM at **Bethany Lutheran Church**

**Christmas Eve Worship Services:**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**Family Evening Services** at 3:00 and 5:00 PM at **Bethany Lutheran Church**

**Evening Worship Service** at 7:00 PM at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**Evening Worship Service** at 11:00 PM at **Bethany Lutheran Church**

**Christmas Day Festival Service with Holy Communion:**

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at **Bethany Lutheran Church**

