

# **ADVENT AT GETHSEMANE**

**December 8, 2021**

*SONGS FOR THE SEASON, PART 3 "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"*

## **AS WE GATHER**

For Advent 2021 we are using beloved Advent and Christmas songs to explore the theme of God preparing us. The angels couldn't contain their joy that God's Son had arrived on earth to complete God's salvation plan. We re-visit what they sang about and how we might live out those same actions of Jesus.

*LSB 379 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL* sts. 1, ref, 2

1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him Born the king of angels:

### **Refrain**

ref O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

LSB 334:1

**P** O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?

**C** **Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!**

**P** In this Advent season, reflecting on and anticipating the joy to come when heaven met earth through the promised and long-awaited Savior, we seek to join the praise of the angels and live out the actions of our Savior.

## LSB 334 O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU

st. 1

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's  
delight!

O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.

- P** LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- C** **You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.**
- P** You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.
- C** **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!**
- P** Will You be angry with us forever?
- C** **Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?**
- P** Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?
- C** **Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.**

*COLLECT*

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **C** Amen.

### *READING*

### Philippians 2:1–11 NIV

<sup>1</sup>Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

## **C** Thanks be to God.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

### *READING*

Luke 1:39–55 NIV

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup> But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up

the humble.

<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

<sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*LSB 380 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING*

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the\_angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” **Refrain**

**ref Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,

Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! **Refrain**

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. **Refrain**

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PART 3*

*OUR PRAYERS*

*LSB 349 HARK THE GLAD SOUND*

sts. 1–3

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.

- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.

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**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### *ADVENT COLLECT*

**P** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility; that on the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## *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.

## *LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER*

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ,  
Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this  
day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins  
where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this  
night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body  
and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me,  
that the evil foe may have no power over me.

## *BENEDICTION*

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

*LSB 348 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS*

sts. 1–2, 4–5

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

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