

**Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors**

- 1 Lift up your heads, you everlasting doors,  
And weep no more!  
    O Zion's daughter, sing,  
    To greet your coming King;  
Now wave the victor's palm  
And sing the ancient psalm:  
    "Lift up your heads, you everlasting gates!"  
    Your King awaits!**
  
- 2 Who is this King of great and glorious fame?  
What is His name?  
    Lord God of Sabaoth,  
    Of whom the prophets wrote,  
Whose chosen, humble steed  
Declares Him king indeed!  
    Hosanna, Lord! Messiah, come and save  
    From sin and grave.**
  
- 3 Who may ascend Mount Zion's holy hill  
To do God's will?  
    The One whose unstained hands  
    Can meet the Law's demands,  
Whose purity within  
Reveals One free from sin.  
    Come, praise this King who claims the cross as throne—  
    Praise Him alone!**
  
- 4 "Worthy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain  
Now lives to reign.  
    He rules our earthly ways  
    As Lord of Ancient Days—  
O join the endless song  
Sung by the ransomed throng:  
    "Worthy is Christ!" The Lamb be praised again!  
    Amen! Amen!**

**Advent Versicles**

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** 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.

# Psalmody

## Psalm

*Psalm 61*

<sup>1</sup>Hear my cry, | O God,\*  
listen | to my prayer;  
<sup>2</sup>from the end of the earth I call to you  
when my | heart is faint.\*  
Lead me to the rock  
that is high- | er than I,  
<sup>3</sup>for you have been my | refuge,\*  
a strong tower against the | enemy.  
<sup>4</sup>Let me dwell in your tent for- | ever!\*  
Let me take refuge under the shelter | of your wings!  
<sup>5</sup>For you, O God, have | heard my vows;\*  
you have given me the heritage of those who | fear your name.  
<sup>6</sup>Prolong the life | of the king;\*  
may his years endure to all gener- | ations!  
<sup>7</sup>May he be enthroned forever be- | fore God;\*  
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch | over him!  
<sup>8</sup>So will I ever sing praises | to your name,\*  
as I perform my vows day | after day.

## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Holy Gospel

*Hebrews 7:23–28*

#### *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

- 1 **Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**
- 2 **As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.**

- 3 **Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**
  
- 4 **Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing  
That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
Here on earth Your will be done.**

### **Sermon**

*A Priest of Pardon and Peace!*  
*Hebrews 7:23-28*

### **Offering**

### **Canticle**

### **The Canticle Hymn:**

#### *My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord*

- 1 **My soul now magnifies the Lord;  
My spirit leaps for joy in Him.  
He keeps me in His kind regard,  
And I am blest for time to come.**
  
- 2 **For He alone who shows such might  
Has done amazing things to me.  
His mercy flows; His name like light  
Remains in time perpetually.**
  
- 3 **His arm is strong; His strength is great.  
He scatters those of proud intent  
And casts them down from high estate,  
Then gives the low His nourishment.**

- 4 He feeds the hungry as His own;  
The wealthy leave with empty hands.  
He gives His help to Israel;  
His gracious promise always stands.

## 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

### Introduction to Collects

- P** 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 Grace

- P** 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**

- P** 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.

### *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

- 1** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.
- 2** It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.
- 3** Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.
- 4** O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.
- 5** How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6** Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

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