

# Fourth Advent



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# CALL TO WORSHIP



A PSALM OF DAVID. .

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- 1 The LORD says to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your  
footstool.”
- 2 The LORD sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.  
Rule in the midst of your enemies!
- 3 Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,  
in holy garments;  
from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.
- 4 The LORD has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
“You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek.”
- 5 The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will execute judgment among the  
nations,  
filling them with corpses;  
he will shatter chiefs  
over the wide earth.
- 7 He will drink from the brook by the way;  
therefore he will lift up his head.

PSALM 110



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we long for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are an anchor. We plead your forgiveness according to the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.





# HE WHO IS MIGHTY



## Verse I

Oh the mercy our God  
has shown  
To those who sit in  
death's shadow  
The sun on high pierced  
the night  
Born was the  
Cornerstone

## Chorus

Unto us a Son is given  
Unto us a Child is born  
He Who is mighty has  
done a great thing  
Taken on flesh  
conquered death's sting  
Shattered the darkness  
and lifted our shame  
Holy is His name



# HE WHO IS MIGHTY



## Verse II

Oh the freedom our  
Savior won  
The yoke of sin has been  
broken  
Once a slave now by  
grace  
No more condemnation

## Bridge

My soul magnifies the  
Lord  
I rejoice in the God  
Who saves  
I will trust His  
unfailing love  
I will sing His praises all  
my days



# JESUS THERE'S NO ONE LIKE YOU



## Verse I

There is no song we could  
sing  
To honor the weight of  
Your glory  
There are no words we  
could speak  
To capture the depth of  
Your beauty

## Chorus

Jesus there's  
no one like You  
Jesus we love You ever  
adore You  
There's no one like You  
Jesus we love You ever  
adore You  
Lord



JESUS THERE'S  
NO ONE LIKE YOU



Verse 2

There is no sinner beyond  
The infinite stretch of Your  
mercy  
How can we thank You  
enough  
For how You have loved us  
completely

Bridge

All we have all we need all  
we want is You



# OVERCOME



## Verse I

Seated above, enthroned in  
the Father's love  
Destined to die, poured out  
for all mankind

## Verse II

God's only Son, perfect and  
spotless One  
He never sinned, but suffered  
as if He did

## Chorus I

All authority, every victory is  
Yours



# OVERCOME



## Chorus

Savior, worthy of honor and  
glory  
Worthy of all our praise, for  
You overcame  
Jesus, awesome in power  
forever  
Awesome and great is Your  
Name for You overcame

## Verse III

Power in hand, speaking the  
Father's plan  
Sending us out, light in this  
broken land

## Bridge

We will overcome by the  
blood of the Lamb  
And the word of our  
testimony; everyone overcome



# TITHES & OFFERINGS

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING





# BEHOLD OUR GOD



## Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in  
His hands

Who has numbered every  
grain of sand

Kings and nations tremble  
at His voice

All creation rises to rejoice

## Chorus

Behold our God seated on  
His throne

Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing  
can compare

Come let us adore Him



# BEHOLD OUR GOD



## Verse II

Who has given counsel to the  
Lord  
Who can question any of His  
words  
Who can teach the One who  
knows all things  
Who can fathom all His  
wondrous deeds

## Verse III

Who has felt the nails upon  
His hand  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful  
man  
God eternal humbled to the  
grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

## Bridge

You will reign forever  
Let Your glory fill the earth  
You will reign forever  
Let Your glory fill



# PASTORAL PRAYER



# SERMON



## Rejoicing at the Overthrow of Earthly Kingdoms



### MAIN POINT

God's people will rejoice when Christ returns to conquer Satan and all the forces of evil.



# REVELATION 18



## THE FALL OF BABYLON

18 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. 2 And he called out with a mighty voice,

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!  
She has become a dwelling place for demons,  
a haunt for every unclean spirit,  
a haunt for every unclean bird,  
a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

3 For all nations have drunk[a]  
the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,  
and the kings of the earth have committed  
immorality with her,  
and the merchants of the earth have grown rich  
from the power of her luxurious living.”

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,  
“Come out of her, my people,  
lest you take part in her sins,  
lest you share in her plagues;

5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven,  
and God has remembered her iniquities.

6 Pay her back as she herself has paid back others,  
and repay her double for her deeds;  
mix a double portion for her in the cup she  
mixed.

7 As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,  
so give her a like measure of torment and  
mourning,

since in her heart she says,  
‘I sit as a queen,  
I am no widow,  
and mourning I shall never see.’



# REVELATION 18



8 For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,

death and mourning and famine,  
and she will be burned up with fire;

for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

9 And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. 10 They will stand far off, in fear of her

torment, and say,

“Alas! Alas! You great city,  
you mighty city, Babylon!

For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, 12 cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, 13 cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.[b]

14 “The fruit for which your soul longed  
has gone from you,  
and all your delicacies and your splendors  
are lost to you,  
never to be found again!”

15 The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

16 “Alas, alas; for the great city  
that was clothed in fine linen,  
in purple and scarlet,  
adorned with gold,  
with jewels, and with pearls!



# REVELATION 18



17 For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.”

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,

“What city was like the great city?”

19 And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

“Alas, alas, for the great city where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth!

For in a single hour she has been laid waste.

20 Rejoice over her, O heaven,

and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!”

21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

“So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence,

and will be found no more;

22 and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters,

will be heard in you no more,

and a craftsman of any craft

will be found in you no more,

and the sound of the mill

will be heard in you no more,

23 and the light of a lamp

will shine in you no more,

and the voice of bridegroom and bride

will be heard in you no more,

for your merchants were the great ones of the earth,

and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints,

and of all who have been slain on earth.”



# REVELATION 19



## REJOICING IN HEAVEN

19 After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice  
of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

2 for his judgments are true and just;

for he has judged the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth with her immorality,

and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

3 Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living  
creatures fell down and worshiped God who was  
seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” 5

And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

small and great.”

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a  
great multitude, like the roar of many waters and  
like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying  
out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

7 Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;



# REVELATION 19



8 it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure” —  
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the  
saints.

9 And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are  
those who are invited to the marriage supper of the  
Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true  
words of God.” 10 Then I fell down at his feet to  
worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do  
that! I am a fellow servant with you and your  
brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus.  
Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the  
spirit of prophecy.

## THE RIDER ON A WHITE HORSE



11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white  
horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and  
True, and in righteousness he judges and makes  
war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his  
head are many diadems, and he has a name written  
that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in  
a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he  
is called is The Word of God. 14 And the armies  
of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure,  
were following him on white horses. 15 From his  
mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike  
down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod  
of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of  
the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 On his robe and  
on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings  
and Lord of lords.



# REVELATION 19



17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. 20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.



# REFLECTION QUESTIONS



How is Jesus revealed in this text?



What is the final end of the righteous and the unrighteous?



Why do we need to remember this?





# COMMUNION





# HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE



## Verse I

In the bleak mid-winter  
All creation groans,  
For a world in darkness  
Frozen like a stone  
Light is breaking, in a  
stable  
For a throne

## Chorus

And He shall reign  
Forevermore,  
forevermore  
And He shall reign  
Forevermore,  
forevermore  
Unto us a Child is born  
The King of kings and  
Lord of lords  
And He shall reign  
Forevermore,  
forevermore



# HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE



## Verse II

If I were a wise man  
I would travel far  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would do my part,  
But poor as I am  
I will give to Him my  
heart

## Chorus

## Bridge

Here within a manger lies  
The One who made the  
starry skies  
This baby born for  
sacrifice  
Christ, the Messiah!  
Into our hopes, into our  
fears  
The Savior of the world  
appears  
The promise of eternal  
years  
Christ, the Messiah!



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# BENNEDECTION



5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,<sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 PETER 5:5B-11



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