

# Advent Wreath Lighting - Week 1

## Opening Song

### THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS

MORNING SONG



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. O bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
4. O bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



1. light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
2. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
3. he, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
4. this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in
5. light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy



1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
2. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
3. place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.
4. beau - ty comes, And we his face shall see!
5. peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly King of kings.

Text: CM; Greek; tr. by John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.

Music: *Sixteen Tune Settings*, Philadelphia, 1812; *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816.

## Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**AMEN**

May God, who enlightens every heart, be with you.

**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

My brothers and sisters, we gather during this holy season of Advent and open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our lives and homes. The candles of this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom.

## **Lighting of the Wreath**

*The family comes forward and lights the wreath as the leader prays:*

Lord our God,

We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ' promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.

## **Scripture Reading**

Mark 13:33-3

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,  
each with his own work

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,  
whether in the evening, or at midnight,  
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch.””

# Psalm 80/85/Luke 1: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

## Refrain

Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and  
we shall be saved.

## Verses

1. Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne and shine forth,  
O rouse your power, and come to save us.
2. We are your chosen vine, only by your care do we live,  
reach out your hand, O Lord, unto your people.
3. If you will dwell with us, we shall live anew in your love,  
O shine upon us, great Lord of life.
4. Lord, we are present here, show us your kindness and love,  
O speak your word of peace unto your people.
5. Lord, let salvation rain, shower down your justice and peace,  
the earth shall bring forth truth, the skies your love.
6. See, Lord, we look to you, you alone can bring us to life,  
O walk before us to light our pathways.
7. You have done wondrous things, holy is your name for all time,  
your mercy and your love are with your people.
8. You are my joy and song, I would have my life speak your praise,  
on me your love has shown, your blessings given.
9. You fill all hungry hearts, sending the rich empty forth,  
and holding up in love the meek and lowly.

Text: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-20; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 1:46-55; Marty Haugen  
Music: Marty Haugen  
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## Reflection

## **Advent Litany**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

You are light in our darkness. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Son of God, save us from our sins. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Son of Mary, deepen our love. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Bring hope into the lives of all people. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Give your peace to all nations. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Be the joy of all who love you. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Bring unity among all who believe in you. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Bless us as we gather here in your name. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Lord Jesus, stay with us always. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Let us pray:

May Christ give us his peace and joy, and let us share them with others. All peace and glory are his forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Closing Prayer – Collect of the Day from the Roman Missal**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**AMEN.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

May the light of Christ lead you to the joy of his kingdom, now and forever. **AMEN**

And may almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.