



**RESTORE US, O GOD;  
LET YOUR FACE SHINE,  
THAT WE MAY BE SAVED.**

**PSALM 80:3, NRSV**

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## As We Gather

We do not often emphasize the psalms during the Advent season, instead being eager to read about the prophecies, anticipating Jesus' coming. Yet the psalms are God's Word during terrible times to people who lived before God's promises were fulfilled in our Savior's coming. This Advent, we focus on several psalms as we use them to prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth with open eyes and ears.

Today we focus on Psalm 80, which pleads with the Lord of hosts, "Restore us!" The answer: God restored us in the person of Jesus Christ!

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

62 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

#### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the 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.**

## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

### Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...  
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— <sup>2</sup> As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! <sup>3</sup> When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. <sup>4</sup> For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. <sup>5</sup> You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. <sup>6</sup> But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. <sup>7</sup> And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup> But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!

## Second Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. <sup>10</sup> But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. <sup>11</sup> To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## Hymn

56 – Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

## Sermon Text

Psalm 80

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth! <sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come and save us! <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved! <sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people? <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in great measure. <sup>6</sup> You have made us a strife to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves. <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved! <sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it. <sup>9</sup> You prepared room for it, And caused it to take deep root, And it filled the land. <sup>10</sup> The hills were covered with its shadow, And the mighty cedars with its boughs. <sup>11</sup> She sent out her boughs to the Sea, And her branches to the River. <sup>12</sup> Why have

You broken down her hedges, So that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit? <sup>13</sup> The boar out of the woods uproots it, And the wild beast of the field devours it. <sup>14</sup> Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, And visit this vine <sup>15</sup> And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, And the branch that You made strong for Yourself. <sup>16</sup> It is burned with fire, it is cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance. <sup>17</sup> Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself. <sup>18</sup> Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name. <sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!



*Sermon*

## Restore

### Offertory

702 (1, 4) – As Angels Joyed with One Accord

1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord Up -  
 2 In ev - 'ry age let praise a - bound. He  
 on comes; the ad - vent of our Lord, So  
 we hear His voice re - sound. His  
 laud we all and bless the name Of  
 glo - rious gos - pel does not cease To  
 Him who from the Fa - ther came.  
 bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.

### General Prayer

## The 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.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn

764 – God of Grace and God of Glory

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