

Day 4

 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

 Read slowly through the hymn's lyrics that you have sung each day, meditating on the words & depth

 Note the 2nd line of the 1st verse: "Marvel now, O heav'n and earth" - *Why?* - "That the Lord chose such a birth." **Indeed, we ought to marvel!** What about Christ's birth causes you to marvel and be in awe?

Think of friends, family, and neighbors who also need God's help & mercy that **they too would be in awe** of "the Word of God made flesh" - and our community at large!

 Pray together, marveling at Christ's birth. And ask God to grant that same awe to those around you.

Some helpful tips for using this advent devotion:

- ⇒ Think ahead about **when & where** (pick the same day/time/place in your house for each devotional time).
- ⇒ **Sing with eagerness together!** Sing a capella or use the recording online. Lead your family in singing; by the end of the week, you'll all know it better!
- ⇒ If you live alone, **reach out** to those around you to share this together - in person or over the phone/zoom.
- ⇒ Parents: **Involve your children** at an age-appropriate level! Help them to sing with you, listen quietly, answer basic questions, read the passage, be the 'keeper' of this devotional, pray.
- ⇒ **Invite others** who may be isolated from church. Share this with a friend & invite them to do this in their home parallel to you.
- ⇒ Keep at it. If you miss a day on week 1, just get back to it on week 2!



*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David"*

Luke 1:68-69



Week 2

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1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's Son, make here Thy home.
2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it of our God
3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
4. From the Fa - ther's throne He came And re - turn - eth to the same,
5. Thou, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Hast o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.
6. Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
Was the Word of God made flesh— Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
Though by all the world dis - owned, Still to be in Heav'n en - throned!
Cap - tive lead - ing death and Hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
Bound - less shall Thy king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?
Praise to God the Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Music: Johann Walter's *Geistliches Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

Text: Ambrose of Milan, 397; German tr. Martin Luther, 1524; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1860; alt.

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 **Sing together** this week's song, either a capella or along with the musicians' recording on our website.

 **Read aloud** the passage listed.

 **Respond** by discussing, meditating, and praying. Use the provided prompt and/or discuss as you want.

 **Pray** together about what you read & discussed

It's as simple as it looks - just sing, read, respond, and pray.

Day 1

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 Psalm 72

 God's people call out to the Lord that he would bless their king, the royal son! It is under his reign that we find our comfort & peace.

Consider the language of verses 12-14. In what ways are we **weak and needy**? Our awareness of our neediness highlights all the more the **pity of God** in sending His King, Jesus.

Note also the worldwide scope of the king's reign (verses 8-11 & 15-19). Do you tend to daily be aware that Jesus is King **over all the earth**? How so?

 Thank God for his pity toward us. Each person pray for a country around the world - that they would serve & worship Jesus.

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 Luke 1:39-56

 Blessing, leaping, joy! How joyous to see Elizabeth and Mary as they rejoice in God their Savior! Why do Elizabeth and Mary display **such joy**? Do these things also cause joy to well up and spring out from within you?

Notice the phrases Mary sings. What are the different things that God is **reversing**?

And all of this is in fulfilling the mercy he has promised 2000 years prior to Abraham and his offspring!

 Pray together, rejoicing in God our Savior and asking him for help when you find it difficult to rejoice in him

Day 3

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 Read Hebrews 4:14-16

 *Have you confessed today?...* We have a high priest, Jesus, who is in God's very presence - that is our confession! How does that reality **give you confidence** to go to God in the mist of your weaknesses, sins, and temptations?

And... **Jesus' coming as a man to us is our confession!** What happens if you lose sight of this & don't hold fast to it? Why is this a crucial part of our confession?

 Praise & thank God for the work of Jesus. Ask him to help you "hold fast our confession"