

“Arise, sons of the Kingdom” (TLH 69)

Arise, sons of the Kingdom!
The King is drawing nigh;
Arise and hail with gladness
The Ruler from on high.
Ye Christians, hasten forth!
Your praise and homage bring Him
And glad hosannas sing Him;
Naught else your love is worth.

Arise, ye much afflicted!
The King is not afar.
Rejoice, ye long dejected,
Behold the Morning Star!
The Lord will give you joy;
Though troubles now distress you,
With comfort He will bless you,
E'en death will He destroy.

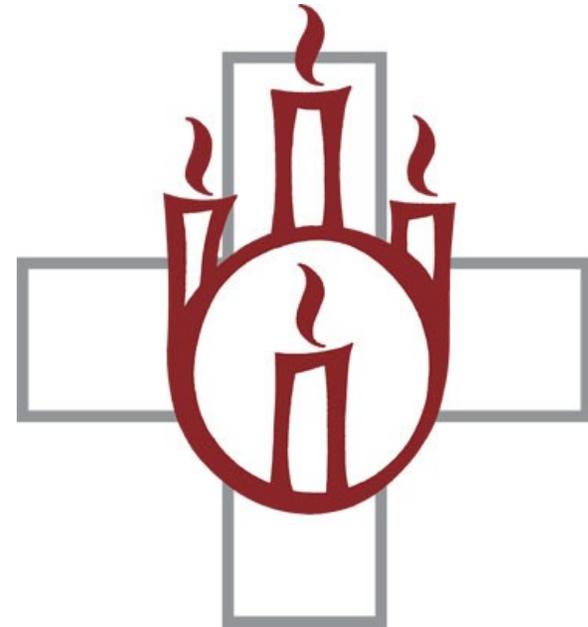
Arise, ye poor and needy!
The King provides for you;
He comes with succor speedy,
With mercy ever new.
Receive your gracious King,
The Giver of all blessing,
Hail Him, His name confessing,
And glad hosannas sing.

Be righteous, ye his subjects,
The King is just and true;
Prepare for Him a highway,
Make all things straight and new.
For, lo, He means it well;
Then willing bear the crosses
That He Himself imposes,
Nor let your courage fail.

Oh, rich the gifts Thou bringest,
Thyself made poor and weak!
O Love beyond expression,
That thus can sinners seek!
For this, O Lord, will we
Our joyous tribute bring Thee
And glad hosannas sing Thee
And ever grateful be.

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An Advent Evening Service
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Hymn, “Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes” (TLH 64)

1. Jesus, Thy Church with longing eyes
For Thine expected coming waits.
When will the promised light arise
And glory beam from Zion's gates?

2. E'en now, when tempests round us fall
And wintry clouds o'er cast the sky,
Thy words with pleasure we recall
And deem that our redemption's nigh.

3. Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew,
Our foes repel, our wrongs redress,
Man's rooted enmity subdue,
And crown Thy Gospel with success.

4. Oh, come and reign o'er every land;
Let Satan from his throne be hurled,
All nations bow to Thy command,
And grace revive a dying world.

5. Teach us in watchfulness and prayer
To wait for the appointed hour
And fit us by Thy grace to share
The triumphs of Thy conquering power.

This hymn is based on Rev. 1:7 “Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.” by English hymnwriter William H. Bathurst (d. 1831). The last LCMS hymnal it appeared in is The Lutheran Hymnal of 1941.

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

C: **Amen**

Psalm 145:1-13 (antiphon, v. 17)

spoken responsively by whole verse

Collect for the Feast of St. Nicholas

O Lord, let Your continual mercy enkindle in Your Church the unfailing gifts of charity and faith, that, following the example of your servant Nicholas of Myra, we may have grace to deal in generosity and love with children and with all who are poor and distressed, to uphold the cause of those who have no helper, and to strive for purity of doctrine in the Church; for the sake of Him who gave His life for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Readings:

Isaiah 58:6-10

1 John 4:7-14

**Hymn, “By All Your Saints in Warfare” LSB 517
(for stanza 2, sing the following)**

2. With joy your Church remembers
Saint Nicholas, the blest,
Who gave up earthly treasures
And Jesus' name confessed.
The poor and weak he welcomed,
The heretic he scorned;
Through faith and life and preaching,
Christ's Gospel he adorned.

(Rev. Walter Snyder, 2006, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Emma, Missouri)

Homily

Offering

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

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This hymn, based on Luke 19:38: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” from St. Luke's version of the Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem, Johann Rist (died in 1651) wrote a larger hymn which serve as the origin of these stanzas. This hymn, “Auf, auf, ihr Reichsgenossen” was first published in the *Neu Catechismus-Gesangbüchlein* (New Catechism hymnal) in Hamburg, 1598. The last LCMS hymnal it appeared in was *The Lutheran Hymnal* of 1941.