

Advent Devotional December 16, 2018

Scripture

Psalm 110

¹The LORD says to my lord,

“Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies your footstool.”

²The LORD sends out from Zion

your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your foes.

³Your people will offer themselves willingly

on the day you lead your forces

on the holy mountains.

From the womb of the morning,

like dew, your youth will come to you.

⁴The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵The Lord is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶He will execute judgment among the nations,

filling them with corpses;

he will shatter heads

over the wide earth.

⁷He will drink from the stream by the path;

therefore he will lift up his head.

Devotional

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Melchizedek calls You priest; You sit at God’s right hand; You judge people and nation;

To You I come.

You are Messiah; Christ; Savior and Lord.

Seven verses call You by name:

You are one with the Godhead; both unity and division; completion and resurrection; sabbath of creation; grace upon grace; human and slave, our weakness set free.

You are Perfection.

Enthroned in Psalm:

In honor; in victory; in judgment.

From Holy Mount to lowly stream,

You are there.

From where You sit to where You send:

Your children come.

Lift Your head:

Adventus; parousia; maranatha.

By the path:

Purple and blue; candle and wreath; carol and calendar.

Between memory and hope; between past and present, we wait for Thee already come.

“O Antiphons: *ero cras*,” and “O come, O come Emmanuel.”

From Zion to footstool heads shatter:

You have come; You are risen; and You will come again!

Advent to Christmastide; four Sundays to five;

One season begets another: one hope begets all joy.

Jesus: You are Priest forever.

I have sworn this and will not change my mind.

Prayer

Lord, Teach me to remember You as You have remembered me. Let me anticipate my neighbor with love and expect my enemy with kindness. Make me to work in praise and rest in humility. Bring me into light and deliver me from darkness. Lead me to Your kingdom and save me from my own. Amen.