

Second Sunday of Advent • B

Prayer of Preparation

*O Compassionate Love,
tranquil keeper of all time and space,
your faithfulness is unsurpassed.*

*Speak now
to the deepest places of my heart,
and, with patience, prepare me,
that I may be ready to proclaim,
through both my song and conduct,
the coming of your holy reign.*

Amen.

Psalm Reflection

In the first reading and the gospel, God sends messengers to cry out, "Prepare the way of the Lord." In the second reading we hear that God is creating the new heavens and a new earth where mercy, love, justice, and peace will shape the way of things (psalm). We announce in the psalm that we do indeed hear what God is saying. But we are to do more than hear. We are to put what we hear into action by becoming the kind of people whose manner of living hastens "the coming of the day of God" (second reading). When we sing these verses from Psalm 85, then, we proclaim our willingness to be the messengers God sends into today's world to "prepare the way" of salvation. What will enable us to hear what God is saying? What will embolden us to become what we are hearing?

Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11–12, 13–14 *The Revised Grail Psalms*

$\text{♩} = 84$

Refrain
Capo 1: (G) Ab (Bm⁷) Cm⁷ (C) D^b (D) E^b (Em) Fm (Bm⁷) Cm⁷

Lord, let us see your kind - ness, and grant us your sal -

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(C) D $\flat$ (D $\flat$ SUS4) E $\flat$ SUS4 (D) E $\flat$ To Verses Last time (G $\flat$ ADD9) A $\flat$ ADD9

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To Verses Last time

Verses

(G $\flat$ ADD9) A $\flat$ ADD9 (Am/G) B $\flat$ m/A $\flat$ (G) A $\flat$ (A $\flat$ SUS4/G) B $\flat$ SUS4/A $\flat$

1. I will hear what the LORD God speaks; he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful. His sal -
 2. Merciful love and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have kissed.
 3. Also the LORD will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its in - crease.

(Cmaj7) D $\flat$ maj7 (G $\flat$ ADD9/B) A $\flat$ ADD9/C (Am9) B $\flat$ m9 (D $\flat$ SUS4) E $\flat$ SUS4 (D) E $\flat$ D.C.

1. vation is near for those— who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land.
 2. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heav-en.
 3. Justice will march— be - fore him, and guide his steps on the way.