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Call of Freedom
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Isaiah 61:1-4, 8
Matthew 13:24-30
Psalm 45

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First Advent





The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who
are bound *

Isaiah 61:1



To proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

To grant to those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of
ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;

Isaiah 61:2-3a



That they may be called oaks of
righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be
glorified.

They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Isaiah 61:3b-4



For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their
recompense,
And I will make an everlasting covenant
with them.



Isaiah 61:8

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Confusion

Why is there so much
difficulty in life?

Matthew 13:24-30





He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.



Matthew 13:24-26



And the servants of the Master of the house came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?” He said to them, “An enemy has done this.” So the servants said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he said, “No

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Matthew 13:27-28



“Lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn”



Matthew 13:29-30

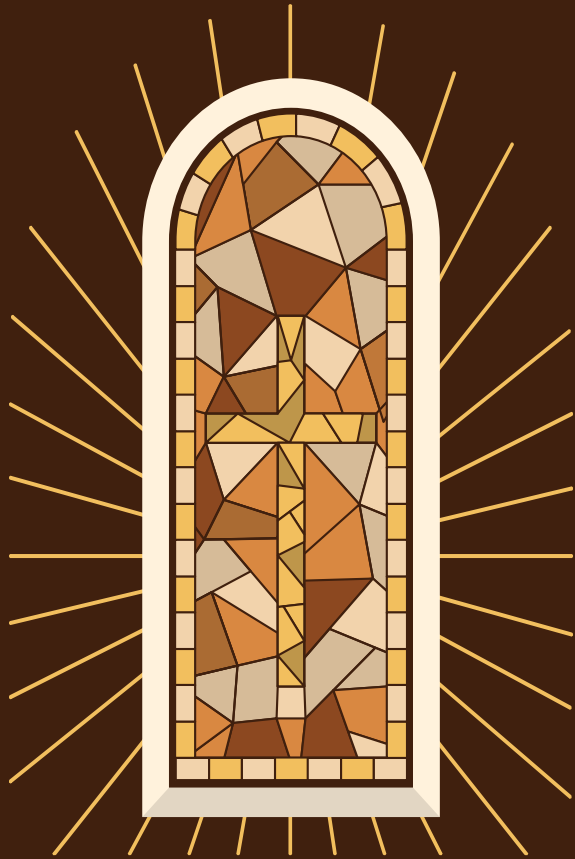
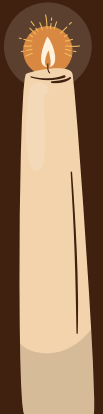


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The Lord enthroned in Heaven

Psalm 45





My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the King;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
Grace is upon your lips;
Therefore God has blessed you forever.
Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty One,
in your splendor and majesty*!

Psalm 45:1-3



In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and
righteousness;

Let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!
Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's
enemies;

The peoples fall under you.



Psalm 45:4-5



Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

Psalm 45:6-8



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