

## Scriptures 12-3-2023

### Psalm 80:1–7

<sup>1</sup> Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth <sup>2</sup> before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might;  
come and save us.

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

<sup>4</sup> How long, LORD God Almighty,  
will your anger smolder  
against the prayers of your people?

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

<sup>6</sup> You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,  
and our enemies mock us.

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

### Psalm 80:17–19

<sup>17</sup> Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,

the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

<sup>18</sup> Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.

<sup>19</sup> Restore us, LORD God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

Isaiah 64:1–9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!

<sup>2</sup> As when fire sets twigs ablaze  
and causes water to boil,  
come down to make your name known to your enemies  
and cause the nations to quake before you!

<sup>3</sup> For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

<sup>4</sup> Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup> You come to the help of those who gladly do right,  
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,  
you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

<sup>6</sup> All of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;  
we all shrivel up like a leaf,  
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

<sup>7</sup> No one calls on your name

or strives to lay hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have given us over to our sins.

<sup>8</sup> Yet you, LORD, are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;  
do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look on us, we pray,  
for we are all your people.

## Luke 1:26–38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail."

<sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.