



## *Scripture Reading Advent 4 Dec. 20th*

### **Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:  
"I will establish your descendants for ever,  
and build your throne for all generations."'

Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said:  
'I have set the crown on one who is mighty,  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.  
I have found my servant David;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him;  
my hand shall always remain with him;  
my arm also shall strengthen him.  
The enemy shall not outwit him,  
the wicked shall not humble him.  
I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.  
My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;  
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.  
I will set his hand on the sea  
and his right hand on the rivers.  
He shall cry to me, "You are my Father,  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"



## *Gospel Reading Advent 4 Dec. 20th*

### **Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.