

of your people.

PSALM 85

OUR SALVATION IS NEAR God blessed the land when our Savior came to earth. (Origen)

LÓRD, you once fávored your lánd * and revíved the fórtunes of Jácob, you forgáve the gúilt of your péople * and cóvered áll their síns. You avérted áll your ráge, * you cálmed the héat of your ánger. Revíve us now, Gód, our hélper! * Put an énd to your gríevance agáinst us. Will you be ángry with ús for éver, * will your ánger néver céase? Will you nót restore agáin our lífe * that your péople may rejóice in yóu? Let us sée, O Lórd, your mércy * and gíve us your sáving hélp. I will héar what the Lord Gód has to sáy, * a vóice that spéaks of péace, péace for his péople and his fríends * and those who turn to him in their héarts. His help is néar for thóse who féar him * and his glóry will dwéll in our lánd. Mércy and fáithfulness have mét; * jústice and péace have embráced. Fáithfulness shall spríng from the éarth * and jústice look dówn from héaven. The Lórd will máke us prósper * and our éarth shall yíeld its frúit. Jústice shall márch befóre him * and péace shall fóllow his stéps.



breaks I watch for your coming.

ISAIAH 26: 1-4, 7-9, 12

HYMN AFTER THE DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY The city wall had twelve foundation stones. (cf. Revelation 21: 14)

A STRÓNG cíty have wé; *

he sets up wálls and rámparts to protéct us.

Ópen up the gátes †

to let ín a nátion that is júst, *
óne that keeps fáith.

A nátion of firm púrpose you kéep in péace; *

in péace, for its trúst in yóu.

Trúst in the Lórd foréver! *

For the Lórd is an etérnal Róck.

The wáy of the júst is smóoth; *

the páth of the júst you make lével.

Yes, for your wáy and your júdgments, O Lórd, *

we lóok to yóu;
your náme and your títle *

are the desíre of our sóuls.

My sóul yearns for yóu in the níght, * yes, my spírit withín me keeps vígil for yóu; when your júdgment dáwns upon the éarth, * the wórld's inhábitants learn jústice.

O Lórd, you mete out péace to ús, * for it is yóu who have accómplished áll we have dóne.

