



See him coming

Glory and power to the One Who loves us
honour and praise Him forever
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus
Glory and power to the One Who freed us
From all our sins by His blood
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus

See Him coming on the clouds of heaven
Every eye behold Him now
He's the Living One, the First and Last
Who once was dead but now He lives forever
And ever

Glory and power to the One Who made us
Kingdom of priests for God's service
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus

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Who once was dead, but now He lives forever
And ever

Jesus is the Living One Who died and came alive
Jesus is the Mighty God Who was and is to come
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“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.
¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.
Isaiah 65:17-19

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and
believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at
the last day. John 6:40

Exhortation, confession and absolution

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and
not to conceal them from God our heavenly Father, but to confess
them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be
forgiven through his infinite goodness and mercy.

Therefore, let us draw near to the throne of our gracious God, as
we pray:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have
followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone
what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought**

**not to have done. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us; restore
those who are penitent, according to your promises declared in
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Grant most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live godly,
righteous and sober lives to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God pardons all who truly repent and believe his holy gospel. And so
we ask him to grant us true repentance, and his holy Spirit, that what
we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure
and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bible reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

**A Day is coming
We don't know when**

We belong to the day

We belong to the day
To the day that is to come
When the night falls away
And our Saviour will return
For the glory of the king is in our hearts
On that day we will be seen
For what we are

We belong to the day
Let us journey in the light
Put on faith, put on love
As our armour for the fight
And the promise of salvation in our eyes
On that day the proud will fall,
The faithful rise

Strong as a mighty rock
Our refuge in the coming wrath
The heart of the bride belongs
To Jesus, Jesus
The earth in its turning stops
To marvel at the Son of God
And all of that day belongs
To Jesus, Jesus

We belong to the day
We were bought with Jesus' blood
Soon He comes as the judge
In the power of His word
We must tell of his salvation while we wait
For the day when Jesus comes
Will be too late

Oh, if ten thousand years go by
We will wait
Let us tell of His great love
He will come
For His patience means salvation

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Let us pray
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for the second Sunday of Advent

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We are led in prayer, concluding:

A prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace to bring before you with one accord our common supplications, and you promise that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests; fulfil now, Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Creation awaits

I am alive, saved by your sacrifice
Death overcome, glory dispels the night
You call the lifeless to wake from death to life
Out of darkness arise

I am set free, saved from the power of sin
Guilt overcome, your Spirit at work within
You break the chains of the law, I am released
From the burden of sin

Now we cry, "Father", we are your children,
We are adopted as your own
No condemnation, we are forgiven,
Nothing can take us from your love

I am redeemed, raised with my saviour Christ
Fear overcome, I will be glorified
You will forever defend and stand beside
I am safe in your love

BRIDGE

Creation awaits the glorious day
When Jesus returns and trials will fade

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The Benediction

Christ, the Sun of righteousness shine upon you and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**