



**Lo, He comes with clouds descending,**

Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of His train:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing Deeply wailing,  
Deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, with what rapture  
with what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars.

Yea, amen! let all adore You,  
High on Thine eternal throne:  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
Claim the kingdom for Thine own.  
O come quickly, O come quickly,  
O come quickly,  
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone.

C Wesley 1707-88

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.  
The former things will not be remembered,  
nor will they come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> 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

*Our Advent proclamation*

A day is coming

**And we will be with the Lord forever**

A day is coming

**Life a thief in the night**

A day is coming

**And we shall know fully**

A day is coming

**And we shall be without fault**

A day is coming

**And peace shall reign**

The Lord be with you: **And also with you**

Let us pray:

**We thank you loving Father, that we are people of peace  
because Jesus is coming back. Thank you that in the new  
creation, we shall be like Jesus and be with him forever. Fill our  
hearts with joyful peace this Advent, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

**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.**

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has no pleasure in the  
death of sinners, but would rather they should turn from their  
wickedness and live. He has given authority to his ministers to declare  
to his people who repent the forgiveness of sins. 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.**

Open our lips, O Lord:

**and we shall declare your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and forever.**

**Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**The Lord’s name be praised.**

**From Psalm: 85**

You, LORD, showed favour to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people  
and covered all their sins.

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what God the LORD says;  
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—  
but let them not turn to folly.

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,  
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed give what is good,  
and our land will yield its harvest.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness goes before him  
and prepares the way for his steps.

**Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
as in the beginning, so now and forever, Amen.**

### **The Bible readings:**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

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

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

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he  
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.**

Lord, show us your mercy,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness,  
**and make your chosen people joyful.**

Lord, save your people,  
**and bless your inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**for you are our help and strength.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collect for the first Sunday in Advent**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of  
darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this  
mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great  
humility; that on the last day, when he comes again in his glorious  
majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life  
immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, 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.**

### **The Morning Collect**

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, we thank  
you for bringing us safely to this day: keep us by your mighty  
power, and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind  
of danger; but lead and govern us in all things, that we may always  
do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.**

Winchester New

### **On Jordon's bank the Baptist's cry**

announces that the Lord is nigh;  
come then and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast :  
and furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou are our salvation, Lord;  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch our thy hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets they people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Charles Coffin 1676-1749 tr John Chandler 1806-76

### **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.**