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O Come, Let Us Adore Him #82

"We...have come to worship Him" Matt. 2:2"

O come let us adore Him;
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him;
Christ the Lord!

We'll praise His name forever;
We'll praise His name forever
We'll praise His name forever;
Christ the Lord!

We'll give Him all the glory;
We'll give Him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory;
Christ the Lord!

For He alone is worthy;
For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy;
Christ the Lord!



King of Kings

*"Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live'." John 11:25*

Jason Ingram, Brooke and Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one

God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings
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ADVENT READING:

CONGREGATION: *This second Sunday of Advent compels us to live by Faith in the Promised One who came! Jesus is the Author and Perfecter of our Faith —Hope Incarnate— becoming a human being, humbling Himself to suffer the punishment we deserve by dying on the cross in our place and rising again from the dead in triumph. Our lives are now shaped by Faith in the One who came and is yet to come, having confidence in gaining a better possession, Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God, wherein righteousness dwells and we are forever with the Lord.*

READER #1: *“And the people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord that He spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.” So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.” (Joshua 24:24-28)*

READER #2: *“For You are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God —His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.” (2 Samuel 22:29-31)*

By Faith

“For in it (the gospel of Christ) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith’.” Rom 1:17

Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove
His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise
In their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him
Our soul's reward
Till the race is finished
And the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah
Would appear
With the power to break the chains
Of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives

And to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him
Our soul's reward
Till the race is finished
And the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ
All things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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Our soul's reward
Till the race is finished
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In Christ Alone

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness...” Colossians 2:9-10

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love
What depths of peace
When fears are stilled
When strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone
Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His, and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Could ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns, or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ, I'll stand
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Could ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns, or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ, I'll stand
Here in the power of Christ, I'll stand

Offering: Show Us Christ

*“The unfolding of Your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple” Ps. 119:130*

Doug Plank and Bob Kauflin

Prepare our hearts, O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses
Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Show us Christ, show us Christ
God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses
Christ is Lord

Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life
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FAITH



As Hebrews 11 continues, the writer gives example after example how our faith is sure because God is reliable. Our faith in Him can be assured because He proves over and over again that He is faithful to accomplish whatever we're believing Him to accomplish = with God, it's guaranteed!

Faith is understanding what's guaranteed.



Romans 1:18-20

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



Hebrews 11:13-16

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

...For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.



2 Corinthians 3:7-8

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone,
came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze
at Moses' face because of its glory,
which was being brought to an end [*fading away*],
will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?



Romans 8:29

For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be
conformed to the image of his Son, in order that He
might be the firstborn among many brothers.

When we set our eyes on Christ,
we make right our affections for Christ,
translating into a life of Faith that is pleasing to Christ,
emulating Him and reaping His reward.



O Come All Ye Faithful #145

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 cor. 9:15

John Francis Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

