

Sunday @ Seven 28th November 2021

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus

Welcome

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending,
swell the triumph of his train;
Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear!
All his saints, by man rejected,
now shall meet him in the air.
Hallelujah!
See the day of God appear.

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,
high on thy eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom of thine own;
Hallelujah!
Everlasting God, come down!

Opening Prayer

**God our Father, you promised so much
if only we trust in you.
Help us to make this Advent a time of
renewal;
a time of hope, expectancy, faith and
peace;
a time when we hear you speaking to us
- "I am he who comforts you." Amen.**

Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God;
you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above;
humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am

Responses

Let us praise the Lord,

Let us praise the Lord Giving thanks for
Jesus, the One True Light who comes into
our world, into our lives, into our hearts.

Let us praise the Lord,

Let us praise the Lord who brings comfort
and security to those who are lost.

Let us praise the Lord,

Let us praise the Lord who opens up the way
of pardon to all those who repent.

Let us praise the Lord,

Let us praise the Lord who promises peace in
a troubled world, showing the way of
reconciliation and love.

Let us praise the Lord,

Let us praise the Lord who is here with us in
this place and as we stand in his presence
may we shine only for Him.

Lord the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus light of the world shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine.....

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine.....

Not long now, they tell me

Reading & Reflection - Malachi 3: 1,2

These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord;
and these are the days of your servant,
Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
of famine and darkness and sword,
still we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
lift your voice it's the year of jubilee,
out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh;
and these are the days of your servant,
David,
rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in the world,
and we are the labourers in your vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord.

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
lift your voice it's the year of jubilee,
out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

He looked so tiny lying there

Reading & Reflection - Luke 2:7

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load He chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'yet not my will but yours,' He said.

This is our God.....

Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God.....

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God.....

He told us he would come again

Reading & Reflection - Matthew 25:31-33

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives.

*Make way! Make way!
For the King of kings.
Make way! Make way!
And let His kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free;
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.

Make way!

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh,
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.

Make way!

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all.
To have no gods before Him,
Their thrones must fall.

Make way!

Responses

Word of power.....**Maranatha!**

Word of healing.....**Maranatha!**

Word of comfort.....**Maranatha!**

Word of gladness.....**Maranatha!**

Light of nations.....**Maranatha!**

Great is the darkness that covers the earth,
oppression, injustice and pain.
Nations are slipping in hopeless despair,
though many have come in your name.
Watching while sanity dies,
touched by the madness and lies.

*Come, Lord Jesus,
come, Lord Jesus,
pour out your Spirit we pray.
Come, Lord Jesus,
come, Lord Jesus,
pour out your Spirit on us today.*

May now your church rise with power and
love,
this glorious gospel proclaim.
In every nation salvation will come
to those who believe in your name.
Help us bring light to this world,
that we might speed your return.

Come Lord Jesus

Great celebrations on that final day
when out of the heavens you come.
Darkness will vanish, all sorrow will end,
and rulers will bow at your throne.
Our great commission complete,
then face to face we shall meet.

Come Lord Jesus

May I just say.....

Prayer Time

O Lord, hear my prayer
O Lord, hear my prayer
O Lord, hear my prayer
When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer
O Lord, hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.

A prayer to say together

- **Loving God,
you call us to test ourselves and
ensure that we are still in the
faith.
Help us to take that challenge
seriously.
Draw us closer to you, day by day,
so that our faith may be as real
and fresh as the day we first
believed.
Prepare us for your coming again
in Christ Jesus,
so that we may be ready to
receive him
and found faithful in his service.
Amen.**

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Thou didst leave thy throne
and thy kingly crown,
when thou camest to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem's home
was there found no room
for thy holy nativity:
O come to my heart Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee.

Heaven's arches rang
when the angels sang,
proclaiming thy royal degree;
but of lowly birth
cam'st thou, Lord, on earth,
and in great humility:
O come to my heart Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee.

Thou camest, O Lord,
with the living word
that should set thy people free;
but, with mocking scorn,
and with crown of thorn,
they bore thee to Calvary;
O come to my heart Lord Jesus,
thy cross is my only plea.

When heaven's arches ring,
and her choirs shall sing,
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home,
saying, 'Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee!'
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
when thou comest and callest for me.

We say the Grace together.