



3rd December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

♪ **Hymn 30** ♪

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever;
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by Thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

♪ **Hymn (388)** ♪

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen
today

in our acts of love and deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to
see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;

let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plan for
us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your
promises,

and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Keith Getty (b.1974) and Stuart Townend (b.1963)

♪ **Hymn (42)** ♪

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to You.

Make us Your own, Your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us Your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us Your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us Your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
making Your kingdom come.

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♪ Chant (53) ♪

Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord:
keep watch, take heart!

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♪ Hymn (373) ♪

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for You, my Master,
ready to do Your will.*

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

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♪ Hymn (45) ♪

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And with your people always dwell
Who mourn in mortal exile here
Until the Lord of Life appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come again and with us ever dwell.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and
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Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did'st give the Law,
In cloud, and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

John Mason Neale ((1818-1886)