First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026



The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
MORNING SONG

1. The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.

2. Not, as of old, a little child,
To bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.

3. O brighter than the rising morn
When he, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death,
Despite the rage of foes.

4. O brighter than that glorious morn
Shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes,
And we his face shall see!

5. The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings.

Text: CM; Greek; tr. by John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt. Music: Sixteen Tune Settings, Philadelphia, 1812; Kentucky Harmony, 1816.

The Advent of Our King

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)/Aaron Williams/Charles Coffin

1. The advent of our King
Our thoughts must now employ;
Then let us meet him on the road
With songs of holy joy.

2. The coeternal Son
A maiden's offspring see;
A servant's form Christ putteth on,
To set his people free.

3. In glory from his throne
Again will Christ descend,
And summon all who are his own
To joys that never end.

4. Our joyful praises sing
To Christ, who set us free;
Like tribute to the Father bring,
And Holy Ghost, to thee.

Text: SM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: Aaron Williams, 1731–1776.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

1. 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.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king:
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788. Music: Christian F. Witt's Harmonia Sacra, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

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