

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Luke 2:9-10

Introduction



With Advent, the church year begins again, and we get ready to enter into the mystery of Christmas. We journey together into this time of dark winter, waiting for the Light to be born.

In Advent we are watching and waiting for signs of Christ coming into our world: the powerful being brought down from their thrones while the lowly are lifted up, the hungry being filled with good things, the forgiveness and tender mercy of God breaking into our darkness and guiding us on the way of peace.

Advent and Christmastide 2022

Advent 1	November 27	Норе
Advent 2	December 4	Peace
Advent 3	December 11	Joy
Advent 4	December 18	Love

Christmas Eve December 24 **The Nativity of Christ** December 25

Twelve Days of Christmas Dec 25 - Jan 5

Epiphany Jan 6 (the arrival of the Magi)

How to Use This Booklet

Decide what day of the week and time of the day you will gather with your household or homegroup to celebrate the four weeks of Advent. It could be on the Sabbath but another day of the week that works for everyone is also good.

Candle lighting liturgy: Prepare four advent candles and one candle for Christmas day. You can make an advent wreath or just set up a place for your candles which will be lit as you prepare to read the Bible passage.

Singing: See **page 24** for a collection of Advent songs recorded by musicians in our congregation. You can listen here: https://www.gcbchurch.ca/pages/advent-songs

On the Grandview Church website go to **Resources/Songs/Advent Songs**

Scripture reading: The readings tell the Advent and Christmas story of Mary, Elizabeth, the angel Gabriel, Joseph, the shepherds, the angel choir, and the Christ child. You can look the passage up in your home Bible or read it in the version provided in this booklet (NIrV).

Wondering and Reflecting Together: After you have read aloud the bible passage for the week, take the time to ponder together. Ask these questions to each other and bring your own wonderings. The focus is to share in the wonder, not on finding the "right" answer. For younger children, you might want to only do the first two questions (I wonder if you have a favourite part. I wonder which part you think is the most important.). See where these conversations take you together.

Response and Action: During the week take time to do one or more of the suggested actions to live into the Advent journey. You could also think of your own ways to respond to the passage. One weekly action is to act out the bible passages that tell the story of getting ready for Christmas.

Celebrate St. Nicholas Day (see page 22) on December 6^{th} as a way to reimagine the traditions of Santa in this season.



Some Ideas for the Advent Season

- **Anticipation** is an important part of waiting, especially for children. Leaving the nativity set with an empty manger or keeping the tree bare (or only minimally decorated) until Christmas can help children learn about the excitement and the difficulty of getting ready and waiting for God's love to be born into the world. And the celebration can be all the more joyous if you aren't already burnt out from holiday festivities by the time you get to the 25th.
 - Make a Jesse Tree. This tradition incorporates all of the biblical story into the anticipation of waiting for Christ. The Reformed Church has a resource for creating a Jesse Tree with children: <u>faithward.org/jesse-tree/</u>

- Try an Italian Advent tradition called *Il Presipio* The Christmas Crib. This is a very old tradition that people believe was started by St. Francis in Italy about 850 years ago. Put up a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, and the animals gathered around an empty manger. In some Italian families, every time children do good deeds (like an extra chore or listening really well), their parents will give them a piece of straw (or shredded paper) to put in the manger. The kids try to do lots of good deed through Advent so that they can make the manger soft and cozy for when baby Jesus is placed in it on Christmas Eve. You could also choose to simply add a new straw each time you gather to light the Advent candles.
- Liturgical church colours help us to visually orient to the seasons of the church year and the Christian story. In churches around the world the colours blue (waiting, anticipation, hope) or purple (royalty) are used during the Advent season and the colour white (celebration, holiness) for the Christmas season which follows. At Grandview we use the colour blue for Advent.

Find ways to incorporate liturgical colours into your celebration at home this season. Some ideas:

- Decorate a wreath with blue and add white to it on Christmas Eve
- Use blue candles for Advent
- A blue table cloth or piece of blue fabric in the middle of your table for the Advent candles to sit on
- Cut shapes (hearts, doves, stars) out of blue construction paper and put them up around your home. On Christmas Day decorate the blue paper with white crayons – Draw pictures and write words of praise to God for the gift of Jesus.

Advent 1 Watching and Waiting for Hope



Candle Lighting & Song:

One: Why do we light one candle?

All: This light reminds us to watch and wait for signs

of hope.

Light the first Advent candle as you sing one of the Advent songs found beginning on page 24.

Scripture reading: Luke 1:26-38 (NIRV)

In the sixth month after Elizabeth had become pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. ²⁷ He was sent to a virgin. The girl was engaged to a man named Joseph. He came from the family line of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel greeted her and said, "The Lord has blessed you in a special way. He is with you."

²⁹ Mary was very upset because of his words. She wondered what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. God is very pleased with you. ³¹ You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king like his father David of long ago. ³³ The Son of the Most High God will rule forever over his people. They are from the family line of Jacob. That kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How can this happen?" Mary asked the angel. "I am a virgin."

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of the Most High God will cover you. So the holy one that is born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Your relative Elizabeth will have a child even though she is old. People thought she could not have children. But she has been pregnant for six months now. ³⁷ That's because what God says will always come true."

³⁸ "I serve the Lord," Mary answered. "May it happen to me just as you said it would." Then the angel left her.

Wondering and Reflecting Together:

- I wonder if you have a favourite part of this story.
- I wonder which part you think is the most important.
- I wonder how Mary felt when the angel spoke to her.
- I wonder what it would be like to have God's special child, the Son of God.
- Name together some places in the world, your neighbourhood/city, or your life where you are waiting and hoping for God's love to be born.

Response and Action

• **Draw a picture of a big heart** in the middle of a piece of paper. On the outside of the heart draw things that you are afraid of or things that worry you. On the inside of the heart draw what might be like for your heart to be full of joy, waiting in hope, trusting in God's holiness and faithful love. On the back of the paper you could write a prayer to God asking for help or thanking God for his rescue in the world.

- Look for a way that your family or household can show a sign of God's love being born into the world. Then do it!
- Have everyone in your household lay down or sit on the floor with all the lights out except for the one advent candle. Quietly experience the light in the darkness for 2 minutes.
- **Read and act out** the "getting ready for Christmas" story in Luke 1:26-38

Advent 2 Watching and Waiting for Peace



Candle Lighting and Song:

One: Why do we light two candles?

All: This light reminds us to watch and wait for signs

of peace.

Light two Advent candles as you sing one of the Advent songs found beginning on page 24.

Scripture reading: Luke 1:39-45 (NIRV)

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in Judea's hill country. ⁴⁰ There she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby inside her jumped. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she called out, "God has blessed you more than other women. And blessed is the child you will have! ⁴³ But why is God so kind to me? Why has the mother of my Lord come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as I heard the sound of your voice, the baby inside me jumped for joy. ⁴⁵ You are a woman God has blessed. You have believed that the Lord would keep his promises to you!"

Wondering and Reflecting Together:

- I wonder if you have a favourite part of this story.
- I wonder which part you think is the most important.
- I wonder why Elizabeth's baby jumped for joy inside of her when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice.
- I wonder how God has blessed us this week and kept his promises of peace for the world.

 I wonder if there are people in the world or in your neighbourhood who need to hear (or be shown) the good news of God's blessing.

Response and Action:

- **Draw a picture of the world**. Where are you in the world? Where are the people and places and animals and plants that you care about? Now imagine what it is like for God to be watching over and blessing the world with love. What might that look like? Is there a symbol you can draw (Dove? Cross? Hands? Wind? Heart? etc.) that can show God caring for all of creation? Can you imagine what God is doing in the places he is blessing?
- Prepare for December 6th to celebrate and tell the story of St. Nicholas (the original Santa). See pages 23-24 for the history of this tradition and ideas for how to celebrate together. The public library also has a collection of St. Nicholas storybooks for children.
- **Look for Christ's peace.** Is there someone in your family or in your community who has done something recently that shows a sign of Christ's peace? **Write a note** to that person telling them that you appreciate how they shine God's light of peace in the world.
- Read and act out the "getting ready for Christmas" story in Luke 1:39-45. For older children, you could also include verses 46-56.

Advent 3 Watching and Waiting for Joy



Candle Lighting and Song:

One: Why do we light three candles?

All: This light reminds us to watch and wait for signs of *joy*.

Light three Advent candles as you sing one of the Advent songs found beginning on page 24.

Scripture reading: Matthew 1:18-23 (NIRV)

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about. His mother Mary and Joseph had promised to get married. But before they started to live together, it became clear that she was going to have a baby. She became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph was faithful to the law. But he did not want to put her to shame in public. So he planned to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But as Joseph was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That's because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to bring about what the Lord had said would happen. He had said through the prophet, ²³ "The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel." (*Isaiah 7:14*) The name Immanuel means "God with us."

Wondering and Reflecting Together:

- I wonder if you have a favourite part of this story.
- I wonder which part you think is the most important.
- I wonder what it would be like to have a dream from God.
- I wonder if you have ever had a dream where God spoke to you.

The angel in the dream gave God's special child two names: Jesus, which means "rescue" or "save," and Immanuel, which means "God is with us."

- I wonder if you know a story of how Jesus has rescued his people.
- I wonder if you know a story of how God is close with us in Jesus.

Response and Action:

• **Sparkles and Shadows.** On two larger pieces of paper, write "**Jesus rescues his people**" on one, and "**God is with us**" on the other.

Give each person two sticky notes.

- On one sticky note, draw about where you, your neighbourhood, and the earth need rescuing.
- On the other sticky note, draw about where you have noticed God's good presence in your life, and your neighbourhood, and the world.
- Add these sticky notes to the sheets of paper and stick them up on a wall in your home somewhere.

Gather together to pray:

Jesus, you are rescuing the world. You are saving your people from their sins. Thank you for being Emmanuel, 'God with us." Thank you for bringing joy into the world. Amen.

- Is there anyone in our congregation or community who you think would appreciate **a sign of God's joy**? Perhaps someone who is sick or lonely? Maybe someone who has shown you what God's joy is like? Ask God to help you think what you could do to show them that you appreciate them and that they are a special part of the Body of Christ? (Making a card? A visit? A phone or video call?)
- In your household, draw names and think of one way that you can bring joy to that person this week, then do it!
- **Read and act out** the "getting ready for Christmas" story in Matthew 1:18-23

Advent 4 Watching and Waiting for Love



Candle Lighting and Song:

One: Why do we light four candles?

All: This light reminds us to watch and wait for signs

of love.

Light four Advent candles as you sing one of the Advent songs found beginning on page 24.

Scripture reading: Luke 1:46-55 (for young kids read v 46-49)

- 46 Mary said, "My soul gives glory to the Lord.
- ⁴⁷ My spirit delights in God my Savior.
- ⁴⁸ He has taken note of me

even though I am not considered important.

From now on all people will call me blessed.

- ⁴⁹ The Mighty One has done great things for me. His name is holy.
- ⁵⁰ He shows his mercy to those who have respect for him, from parent to child down through the years.
- ⁵¹ He has done mighty things with his powerful arm. He has scattered those who are proud in their deepest thoughts.
- ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones. But he has lifted up people who are not considered important.
- ⁵³ He has filled with good things those who are hungry. But he has sent away empty those who are rich.
- ⁵⁴ He has helped the people of Israel, who serve him. He has always remembered to be kind
- ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his children down through the years. He has done it just as he promised to our people of long ago."

Luke 2:1-5 (NIRV)

In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. ² It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ Everyone went to their own town to be listed.

⁴ So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. ⁵ He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby.

Wondering and Reflecting Together:

- I wonder if you have a favourite part of Mary's song.
- I wonder if you have a favourite part of the story of Mary and Joseph.
- I wonder which part you think is the most important.
- I wonder if you have ever had to travel on a long journey.
- I wonder what it was like for Joseph and Mary to travel on a long journey when Mary was pregnant.
- I wonder how Mary and Joseph felt about the baby that they were waiting for.
- I wonder if you have ever waited for something so special.

Response and Action:

• **Take a walk** around your neighbourhood with your friends, household or family. Where are the places in your community where you see signs of God's love? Where do you see sadness, places where people or

creation are waiting for God's love? Thank God for the love that you see. Ask God to do "great things" for people who are sad or people who aren't considered important, so that they will know his love for them.

- Find out more about Grandview's CLEAN Laundry Program for vulnerable people in our community.
 Contact Christina Chiu to find out how you can get connected and support this ministry.
- Look up and learn about Kinbrace or another organization that supports refugees. What is one thing you could do this week to extend love and welcome to a refugee to Canada?
- Look up and **learn about A Rocha** or another group that does creation care. What is one thing you could do as a sign of God's love for the earth?
- Look up and learn about a justice issue.
 Kairoscanada.org, an ecumenical faith-based organization, is one place you might explore for ideas on climate justice, Indigenous rights, and other areas where you are invited to put God's love into action.
- **Read and act out** the "getting ready for Christmas" story in Luke 2:1-5.

Christmas Day

The Incarnation: A Light in the

Darkness



Candle Lighting and Song:

One: Why do we light the Christmas candle?

All: This light reminds us that Jesus the king has been born as the light of the world. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome the light!

Light all four Advent candles and then the Christmas candle. Sing a favourite Christmas carol together.

Scripture reading: Luke 2:6-20

While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

⁸ There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said,
 ¹⁴ "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven!
 And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!"

¹⁵ The angels left and went into heaven. Then the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After the shepherds had seen him, they told everyone. They reported what the angel had said about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. She thought about them over and over. ²⁰ The shepherds returned. They gave glory and praise to God. Everything they had seen and heard was just as they had been told.

Wondering and Reflecting Together:

- I wonder if you have a favourite part of this story.
- I wonder which part you think is the most important.
- I wonder what is one thing that you praise God for.

Response and Action:

• **Read and act** out the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-20.

Celebrating Christmas through the whole season

December 25th - January 5th



- Put up any **special decorations** you were reserving for this day.
- Listen to Christmas music and sing Christmas songs.
- Light the Christmas candle each morning or evening during this season and take a moment to share with each other where you have seen a sign of Christ's love and light in the darkness. Praise God for these glimpses of hope.
- **Give small gifts** each day.

- If you have a nativity scene, place the Christ child in the manger on Christmas Eve or before your children wake up on Christmas morning. Bring the magi into the scene But not right at the manger! Place them somewhere in your home (window ledges, counters, bookshelves) on the journey towards the holy family. Every day you (or your kids) can move them a little bit closer to their encounter with the Christ child until they finally arrive on Jan. 6.
- On Epiphany (Jan. 6) read Matthew 2:1-15. Bake star shaped cookies to remember the star that the magi followed. Take down and pack away your Christmas decorations – You can make this a meaningful ritual if you do it together as a household, perhaps each naming one favourite memory of the Christmas season.

Celebrating St. Nicholas Day

(December 6th)

Find ways to reframe and revive our children's understanding of Santa by letting them know the historical roots of our seasonal gift-giving traditions: Saint Nicholas gave gifts to the poor, usually in secret, because he loved Jesus and because his eyes had been opened to see both the many needs in the world and the many opportunities he had been given to show generosity and mercy.



Traditions for St. Nicholas Day:

- Enter into the story of St. Nicholas by reading a picture book or **putting on a St. Nicholas play**
- **Share what you have** food, clothing, toys with those who have less
- Bake gingerbread cake and share it with friends and strangers
- Do deeds of kindness in secret!

The Story of Saint Nicholas

The story of this saint can inspire us to reflect on the nature of our gift-giving – to move us from consumerism to compassion.

Saint Nicholas has been known and loved for centuries. He was born in Asia Minor (now Turkey) in the fourth century C.E., and it was believed he became a bishop in the church at a very young age. Throughout his life, Nicholas was known for his compassion, kindness, and generosity. Many stories of his good works circulated throughout the towns and villages in the area in which he lived. Some of them have been passed down through the ages. The most familiar story of Nicholas involves the family with three daughters:

There was a family that was so poor that the eldest daughter was going to be sold into slavery to pay for the dowries for her two younger sisters. Nicholas heard about this and secretly dropped a bag of gold one night through an open window of the family's house, thus providing a marriage dowry for the eldest daughter. In time, he dropped another bag of gold through an open window for the second daughter's dowry. Again, no one saw Nicholas. But when he tried to secretly leave a bag of gold for the third daughter, he was seen. Nicholas begged the person not to tell, but the story of his generosity spread.

Nicholas demonstrated the spiritual gift of mercy. Throughout the remainder of his life he consistently cared for the poor. He employed people to make clothing for the needy, distribute food (including gingerbread) to the hungry, and craft toys for children, requesting that his identity be kept a secret.

By his example of generosity, St. Nicholas continues to be a model for a Christ-like compassionate life.

Songs for Advent



Chords and audio of the following Advent song can be found on the Grandview website at https://www.gcbchurch.ca/pages/advent-songs

At gcbchurch.ca go to Resources/Songs/Advent Songs

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

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 forever,
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.

COME TO US, EMMANUEL

Come to us, Emmanuel
We wait for thee with bated breath
And hope-filled hearts
And anxious minds,
Longing to see your face
And worship at your feet.

Isaiah's vision didst unfold
When you descended into this world
To bring good news
And set the prisoners free.
You set aside eternity
So that we might live.

So come to us, Emmanuel.
We live in hope of your return
To bring new life
To this old world
To end all wars and heal all hearts
And to reign forevermore,
To reign forevermore.

EVERY DITCH, EVERY VALLEY

A voice says cry out, "People are like grass And their time of glory so on shall pass But the word of God, it will never die Surely it will stand for eternity."

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up Every hill and mountain be made low Every rugged place will be made flat Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD

You who bring good news, raise your voice and shout Do not be afraid to speak the name of God The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid And the time has come to walk the righteous way

HE SHALL REIGN

Come broken, come captive
Come all you who mourn
Oh groaning creation, rejoice
A child, a saviour, our healing he brings
What freedom! What consolation!

He shall reign (He shall reign) He shall reign He shall reign (He shall reign) He shall reign He'll order his kingdom
With justice and peace
Oh merciful one, oh Lamb of God
All nations, all people, all heaven and earth
Will bow down and to Him proclaim

El reinara (El reinara) El reinara El reinara (El reinara) El reinara

MAGNIFY

He has done mighty things with his arm He has scattered the proud He has brought down the rulers from their thrones He has lifted up the lowly

He has filled the hungry with good things He has sent the rich away Empty He will show his people mercy

My soul magnifies x 3 Magnifies the Lord

Rejoice

MARANATHA

In joyful expectation of His coming We pray to Jesus Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus Come to the world as king Of the nations.
Break into our lives!

Where we wage war against the empires
And kingdoms of this world
Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus
Come into our suffering as Saviour and Comforter.
Break into our lives!

Where we languish in sickness and sorrow Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus Come into our conflict as Prince of Peace. Break into our lives!

Where we sorrow with quarrel and strife Maranath, come, Lord Jesus Come to our families Heavenly Father and Mother. Break into our lives!

Where we wrestle with relationships broken and ragged Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus

We are a people waiting in darkness
Lord, let there be light
We are a people waiting in the shadow of death
Lord, let there be light
We are a people waiting
Lord, let there be light

Lord, bring in your kingdom with justice and mercy Bind up the brokenhearted, restore the cik And raise up all who have fallen Let the light of God's coming break forth upon us

Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus)x3) Let there be light

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

O come, 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 Dayspring, come and cheer 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 King 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!

VENI DOMINE

There is a way through barren land Deserts and fires, death's scheming hand There is a way through barren land Prepare the way of the Lord

There is a voice, O crying out Make straight the way, make straight the way There is a voice, O crying out Make straight the way of the Lord Every crooked way, every crooked way
Every crooked way made straight
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
in the presence of the Holy One
Veni Domine, veni Domine
Veni Domine, veni Domine Christe (2x)

There is a hope in a kingdom come When justice shall reign, justice will reign There is a hope in a kingdom come When justice shall reign without end

WE WATCH FOR THE LIGHT

We watch for the light
We watch for the light
(repeat)
We wait, we trust, we hope.
We wait, we trust, we hope.
Your light will come;
It is greater than our fears. (we wait, we trust)
Your light will come;
it is greater than our darkness. (we watch, we hope)

WHEN THE LORD BRINGS US BACK

Gracious God, bring us back Captive of our false gods We have eyes yet cannot see We have ears yet cannot hear

Those who sow in tears Will one day reap with joy Restore us, O Lord Praise God all you saints Who plod through the dark of night Joy comes with the dawn

When the Lord brings us back We'll be like those who dream Laughter will grace our hearts Songs will spill off our tongues

Joy comes with Joy comes with Joy comes with the dawn

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