



'The Light of the World' 1851

I wonder what this famous painting by Holman Hunt says to you about Advent? About the coming of Jesus? About waiting? And about God's light? Here is a reflection on this painting:

[Arts & Faith: Week 1 of Advent, Cycle B | Loyola Press](#)

A Prayer

God of Salvation, wake us up, Lord!
The night is nearly over.
Let us begin our Advent journey.
Move us from our lives of greed and selfishness,
from our globalised world of inequality and exploitation,
to your kingdom of righteousness and mercy.
To a transformed world,
where peace is built on understanding not weapons,
the poor are empowered to live their lives to the full,
businesses are built on need not greed
and your Creation is nurtured not abused.
Wake us up Lord! Let us live as people of the light.
Amen.

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Church at Home

Advent Sunday

November 29th 2020

Further resources for worship and reflection

Advent reminds us of the place of waiting on our spiritual journey. God's plans to send Jesus into the world weren't made in a hurry; in fact, in the unfolding story of salvation, there are long periods where nothing seems to be happening, at least from our perspective. But God did come, does come and will come again. His coming into history, our lives and at the end of time is never in doubt. But will we be ready?

Advent Calendar

He will come like last leaf's fall.

One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to the bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.

One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.

One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

Rowan Williams

An early Christian prayer: Maranatha (= Come Lord)