

**ADVENT II (C)**



*(Missal page 37)*

**THE PARISH  
MASS**

The Introductory Rites

*When the bell rings we stand*

*The Angelus*

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit**

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus **Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord  
**Be it unto me according to thy word**

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus **Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death**

And the Word was made flesh.  
**and dwelt among us.**

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Pray for us O Holy Mother of God  
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ**

Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord thy grace into our hearts that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✕Cross and Passion, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

*We sing our first Hymn*

**Come, prepare the way, make straight a path in the wilderness; give thanks and celebrate the promised day is near.**

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**Let the deserts sing, the hills rejoice, tell out his story. Let the heavens ring, the earth in greeting call Welcome now the King, lift up your voice proclaim his glory, for he comes to bring new life, new hope to all**

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**Monday 9th December**

Sick: Arthur Jones, Barrie Shipgood, Derrick Norris,  
Years Mind: Timothy Sheehan, Joan Green.  
Church: Nichola Williams  
Local Community: Clover Walk (B)  
General: Of Our Lady

**Tuesday 10th December**

Sick: Mary Wilkinson, Mary Robinson, Alan Baker, Paul  
Years Mind: Jenny Swift, Charles Woodford.  
Church: Tony Wilson  
Local Community: Commercial Road (G)  
General: For Peace

**Wednesday 11th December**

Sick: David Stanton, Mavis Clegg, Brian Finnegan,  
Miriam Mahon,  
Years Mind: Charlotte Hellewell, Freda Mertens, Norman Aitkin,  
George Richard Lane-Fox, Herbert Antcliffe, Rodney Marshall P,  
Winifred Mary Hayselden, George Crofts  
Church: Carey Woodland  
Local Community: Commonwealth View (B)  
General: For a Holy Advent

**Thursday 12th December**

Sick: Freddie Wiles, Ngozi Aliu, Michael Bolger,  
John Freeborn.  
Years Mind: Leonard Bygrave, Ellen Parkinson,  
Francis Henry Smith, Boleslaw Przybyasz  
Church: Gordon & Julie Wordsworth  
Local Community: Comrades Place (G)  
General: For Christian Unity

**Friday 13th December**

Sick: Carole Dyson, Paul Warren, Will Hanley,  
Years Mind: Ellen Taylor, Robert Roper, Mary Jane Brooke,  
Peter Green, Rose Lyons.  
Church: David Wroe  
Local Community: Coniston Drive (B)  
General: For the Blind

**Saturday 14th December**

Sick: Barbara, Alan Watford, Rena Shaw, Mary Haigh  
Years Mind: Louis Clarke  
Church: Diane & Malcolm Addis  
Local Community: Cooperative Street (G)  
General: For the Carmelites.

**Daily**

For the dead  
For our families  
For Peter Bishop of Sheffield  
For Stephen Bishop of Beverley  
For the Unity of Christ's Church  
For our Church Wardens and PCC members  
For the growth of our Christian Family  
For the poor, the sick and those with no hope  
For any who need our prayers  
For ourselves

Sound out the trumpets, sound out the trumpets,  
he shall reign for evermore.  
Sing out his praise, sing out his praises,  
worship and adore.

Come, prepare the way,  
make straight a path in the wilderness;  
give thanks and celebrate the promised day is near.

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he shall reign for evermore.  
Sing out his praise, sing out his praises,  
worship and adore.

Come, prepare the way,  
make straight a path in the wilderness;  
give thanks and celebrate the promised day is near.

*Priest:* ✕ In the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit  
*People:* Amen

*Priest:* The Lord be with you  
*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*The Mass is introduced along with its intention and theme and we light the first candle on our Advent Wreath*

*Priest:* Jesus said, 'Keep awake,  
for you do not know on what  
day your Lord is coming.'  
*People:* **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The first candle is lit and this response is used*

*Priest:* Jesus is the light of the world.  
*People:* **A light no darkness can ever  
put out.**

*We sing:*

**Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and  
sadness changed for gladness  
on that Day.**

**Prophet voices loudly crying,  
making pathways clear;  
glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
calling all to hear.  
Through their message -  
challenged, shaken hearts  
awaken: God is near!**

*Priest:* Brothers and sisters, let us  
acknowledge our sins, and so  
prepare ourselves to celebrate  
the sacred mysteries.

*Choir:* Lord Jesus, you came to gather  
the nations into the peace of  
God's kingdom: Kyrie eleison.

*People:* **Kyrie eleison**

*Choir:* You come in Word and  
Sacrament to strengthen us and  
make us holy: Christe eleison

*People:* **Christe eleison**

*Choir:* You will come again in glory with  
salvation for your people:  
Kyrie eleison

*People:* **Kyrie eleison**

*Priest:* May almighty God have  
mercy on us, forgive us our  
sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The Collect or prayer for the day*

Let us pray.  
Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly  
undertaking hinder those who set out in  
haste to meet your Son, but may our  
learning of heavenly wisdom gain us  
admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen**

### The Liturgy of the Word

*We sit for The First Reading*

A reading from the book of the Prophet  
Baruch  
*Baruch 5:1-9*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and

***“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give  
thanks in all circumstances for this is  
the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”  
1 Thessalonians Ch5 vv17-18.***

In this leaflet it is hoped that, as a parish, we will find  
some direction and focus for our prayers that  
through praying together for the same things and the  
same people we may find a common purpose in re-  
sponding to the needs of our world and our parish  
and place ourselves more readily into the hands of  
God.

It is hoped that either weekly or daily we can take some  
time together to pray wherever we are for the needs  
of our Church, our World, our parish, the individuals  
we come across and the departed. For, 'all things are  
possible for God'.

If you would like anyone or anything added to this  
prayer list, please hand it to the vicar in writing, the  
list will be revised weekly.

#### **Daily Prayer for our Parish**

Heavenly Father grant us grace in Goldthorpe,  
Hickleton and Bolton upon Dearne to worship you  
with all our being, to show your love to all our  
neighbours and to proclaim your saving power to all  
the world and in all we do to glorify your Name grant  
us humble and penitent hearts and all this through  
the saving merits of our faith in Jesus Christ Our  
Lord. Amen.

**THE PARISHES OF  
GOLDTHORPE, HICKLETON &  
BOLTON UPON DEARNE**

## Parish Intercession List



**Week commencing  
2nd Sunday in  
Advent (C)**

## NOTICES

### Christmas Tree lights

We are offering the opportunity for people to sponsor the Christmas Tree lights again this year. If you would like to sponsor a light in memory of a loved one or ones please fill in a form and return to either Malcolm Addis or Fr Schaefer. The cost is £3 per person or couple. Thank you.

### Christmas Party

At 6.30pm on Sunday 29th December there is a Christmas Party at Walter & Iraina Brook's in Hickleton. Tickets are available and cost £6 for adults and £3 for children with a Pie and Pea Supper.

### New Lectionary

The Lectionary (our daily readings in church) has been revised and the new readings begin from Advent Sunday. We have bought new books and if you would like to contribute towards them please see our church treasurers. The books are on view at the back of church.

### Hamper Raffle

Our Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets are available from today please help by ensuring you sell them to all your friends and take some for yourself.

### Christmas Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the decorating of our churches at Christmas, please the church treasurer.

### Sick List

We are renewing the Sick List at Goldthorpe please add any names to the list at the back of church

### Food Bank

We are collecting items for the Salvation Army Food Bank and there is a basket at the back of church. Thank you.

[www.parishofgoldthorpeandhickleton.co.uk](http://www.parishofgoldthorpeandhickleton.co.uk)

This Booklet and the light before the Blessed Sacrament  
are paid for in loving memory of  
**BOLESŁAW PRZYBYSZ**  
On the tenth anniversary of his death.

affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God: 'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look towards the east and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him. The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. □ 3*

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.

**What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

When the Lord brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming. Then was our mouth filled with laughter; on our tongues, songs of joy.

**What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

Then they said among the nations, 'What great deeds the Lord worked for them!' What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

**What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

Bring back our exiles, O Lord, as streams in the Negeb.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

**What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back with a song, bearing their sheaves.

**What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

*The Second Reading follows*

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

*Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11*

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*We stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you  
*People:* **And with your spirit.**  
 ✠A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord**  
*Luke 3:1-6*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Homily now follows*  
*We sit*

*We stand for*

The Profession of Faith (Creed)

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow. and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the ✠Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come Amen.**

*The Bidding Prayers now follow*

*Response*

*Priest:* Lord in your mercy  
*People:* **hear our prayer**

*Priest:* ✠Rest eternal grant unto them  
 O Lord

*People:* **and let light perpetual shine upon them**

*Priest:* May they rest in peace

*People:* **Amen**

*People:* **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

*We sing the Offertory Hymn*

**When John baptised by Jordan's river  
 In faith and hope the people came,  
 That John and Jordan might deliver  
 Their troubled souls from sin and  
 shame.**

Day	Service/Event	Intention
Monday 9th December 2024 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	8am Mass at Goldthorpe 12.15pm Michael Burke's funeral at Bolton	Of Our Lady
Tuesday 10th December <i>feria</i>	10.30am Mass at Bolton Church Hall 10.30am Linda Eades' funeral at Goldthorpe 7pm Mass at Goldthorpe	For Peace
Wednesday 11th December <i>feria</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe 6pm Vestry Hour at Goldthorpe	For a Holy Advent
Thursday 12th December <i>feria</i>	10am Mass at Hickleton	For Christian Unity
Friday 13th December S. Lucy	10.30am Mass at Goldthorpe 12.15pm Peter Buck's funeral at Bolton. 12.30pm Carrfield School production at Goldthorpe	For the Blind
Saturday 14th December S. John of the Cross	9am Mass at Goldthorpe	For the Carmelites
Sunday 15th December 2024 ADVENT III (C)	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 10.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe 5pm Confirmation Class at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection and for our Parish

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### December 2024

Sun 8th	5pm Confirmation Class		Goldthorpe
Mon 9th	12.15pm Michael Burke's funeral	(CW)	Bolton
Tues 10th	10.30am Linda Eades' funeral	(Fr S)	Goldthorpe
Fri 13th	12noon Carrfield School Production	(FrS)	Goldthorpe
	12.15pm Peter Buck's funeral	(CW)	Bolton
Sun 15th	Decorating Church	(AH)	Goldthorpe
	5pm Confirmation Class		Goldthorpe
Tues 17th	7am Flower Market Run	(SC/MC/PB/AH)	Leeds
Wed 18th	10.50am Ronald Neale's funeral	(Fr S)	Ardsley
Thurs 19th	Christmas flower arranging	(SC/PB)	Goldthorpe
	6pm Christmas songs and games	(CW)	Bolton Hall
Fri 20th	12.15pm Doreen Hale's funeral	(CW)	Bolton
Sat 21st	7pm THMV Choir Concert	(Fr S)	Goldthorpe
Sat 21st	Decorating Church	(AH)	Hickleton
Sun 22nd	4.30pm Carols by Candle light	(CW)	Bolton church
	6pm Nine Lessons & Carols	(Fr S)	Hickleton
Tues 24th	11am Jeanette Elwell's funeral	(Fr S)	Goldthorpe
	4pm Crib Service	(Fr S / SC)	Goldthorpe
	6pm Carols around the tree	(GW)	Hickleton Club
	9pm Vigil Mass	(Fr B / CW)	Bolton
	Midnight Mass		Goldthorpe
Wed 25th	9am Parish Mass		Hickleton
	9.30am Parish Mass		Bolton
	10.30am Parish Mass		Goldthorpe
Thurs 26th	10am Mass		Hickleton
Fri 27th	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Sat 28th	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Sun 29th	9am Parish Mass		Hickleton
	10.30am Parish Mass		Bolton
	10.30am Parish Mass		Goldthorpe
	5pm Confirmation Class		Goldthorpe
	6.30pm Christmas Pie & Pea do	(IB)	Walter & Iraina's
Mon 30th	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Tues 31st	10am Mass		Goldthorpe

### 2025

### January 2025

Wed 1st	10am Mass for Mary Mother Of God		Goldthorpe
Sat 4th	10am Coffee Morning	(CW)	Bolton Hall
Sun 5th	5pm Confirmation Class		Goldthorpe
Sun 12th	5pm Confirmation Rehearsal		Goldthorpe
Wed 15th	7pm Confirmation	(FrS / PB)	Goldthorpe
Sat 25th	10am Coffee Morning	(SC/PB)	Goldthorpe Hall

### February 2025

**They came to seek a new beginning,  
The human spirit's ageless quest,  
Repentance, and an end of sinning,  
Renouncing ev'ry wrong confessed.**

**There as the Lord baptized and pray-  
ing  
Rose from the stream the sinless one,  
A voice was heard from heaven say-  
ing,  
"This is my own beloved Son."**

**There as the Father's word was spo-  
ken,  
Not in the pow'r of wind and flame,  
But of his love and peace the token,  
Seen as a dove, the Spirit came.**

**O Son of Man, our nature sharing,  
In whose obedience all are blest,  
Saviour, our sins and sorrows bear-  
ing,  
Hear us and grant us this request:**

**Daily to grow, by grace defended,  
Filled with the Spirit from above;  
In Christ baptised beloved befriended  
Children of God in peace and love.**

*If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the  
people respond each time*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*We stand*

Pray, my Brothers and Sisters that this  
my sacrifice and yours may be  
acceptable to God the almighty Father

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at  
your hands for the praise and glory of  
his name, for our good and the good  
of all his holy Church.**

*The prayer over the Offerings*

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble  
prayers and offerings, and, since we  
have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you

*People:* **And with your spirit**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

*People:* **It is right and just**

*At the end of the preface we sing*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.**

*We Kneel*

*After the words of Consecration the priest says:*

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.

*People* **When we eat this bread and  
drink this cup we proclaim  
your death, O Lord until you  
come again.**

*At the conclusion of the prayer:*

Through him, and with him, and in him  
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

*People:* **AMEN.**

*We stand for The Lord's Prayer*

*Priest:* At the Saviour's command and  
formed by divine teaching, we  
dare to say:

*People:* **Our Father, who art in  
heaven, hallowed be thy  
name; thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily  
bread, and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass  
against us; and lead us  
not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*People* **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

*Priest:* Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Let us offer each other the sign of peace

*We share the sign of peace*

*The Breaking of the Bread*

*People:* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*We kneel*

*Priest:* ✠Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People:* **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Communion Sentence*

*Priest:* Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

*We come forward to receive Holy Communion*

*We sing the Communion Hymn*

**Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,  
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!**

**Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?**

**Is it the music of his people's prayer?**

**Surely he cometh and a thousand voices shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;  
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,  
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!**

**This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?**

**This shall he do, and can we still despair?**

**Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,  
cast at his feet the burden of our care.**

**Through life and death, through sorrow and through sinning,  
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:  
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,  
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.**

*We stand for the Post Communion prayer*

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen**

*Any Notices etc may follow now.*

The Concluding Rites

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **and with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Bow down for God's blessing

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May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again, sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemers coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes in majesty

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* Go forth the Mass is ended

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

*We sing our final Hymn*

**Hills of the North, rejoice;  
River and mountain spring,  
Hark to the advent voice;  
Valley and lowland, sing;  
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;  
He judgment brings and victory.**

**Isles of the southern seas,  
Deep in your coral caves  
Pent be each warring breeze,  
Lulled be your restless waves:  
He comes to reign with boundless sway,  
And makes your wastes His great highway.**

**Lands of the East, awake,  
Soon shall your sons be free;  
The sleep of ages break,  
And rise to liberty.  
On your far hills, long cold and grey,  
Has dawned the everlasting day.**

**Shores of the utmost West,  
Ye that have waited long,  
Unvisited, unblest,  
Break forth to swelling song;  
High raise the note, that Jesus died,  
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.**

**Shout, while ye journey home;  
Songs be in every mouth;  
Lo, from the North we come,  
From East, and West, and South.  
City of God, the bonds are free,  
We come to live and reign in thee!**