

Instantis adventum Dei

The Coming of Our God

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1. The com - ing of our God our thoughts must now em - ploy;
2. The co - e - ter - nal Son, a maid - en's off - spring see;
3. Daugh - ter of Si - on rise and greet thine in - fant King;
4. In glo - ry from his throne a - gain will Christ de - scend,
5. Let deeds of dark - ness fly be - fore th'ap - proach - ing morn,
6. Our joy - ful prais - es sing to Christ, that set us free;

1. then let us meet him on the road with songs of ho - ly joy.
2. a ser - vant's form Christ put - teth on, to set his peo - ple free.
3. nor let thy stub - born heart de - spise the par - don he doth bring.
4. and sum - mon all who are his own to joys that nev - er end.
5. for un - to sin 'tis ours to die and serve the Vir - gin - born.
6. like trib - ute to the Fa - ther bring, and Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

Inspiration: "Instantis adventum Dei"; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749, in "Breviarium Parisiense" ("Paris Breviary"), 1736.

Lyrics: 66.86; Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, in "Hymns and Anthems for Use in the Holy Services of the Church ..." ("Saint Andrew's Hymnal"), 1850.

Music: OPTATUS VOTIS OMNIUM; anonymous from "Songs of Syon", 1910; harmonized by George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1848-1934.