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ADVENT PARISH STUDY

Lift Up Your Heads: God's Word of Hope Sung in Advent

Episode 1



Hymns for the End of Time:
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending



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THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST *New American Bible*

Revelation 1:1-8

1. The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him, to show his servants what must happen soon. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,
2. who gives witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ by reporting what he saw.
3. Blessed is the one who reads aloud and blessed are those who listen to this prophetic message and heed what is written in it, for the appointed time is near.
4. John, to the seven churches in Asia: grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,
5. and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
6. who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever (and ever). Amen.
7. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.
8. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

HYMN: GENERAL INFORMATION

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
cf. Revelation 1:7

Tune: HELMSLEY 87.87.12.7
Lock Hospital Collection, London, 1765
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

POEM

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.



2. Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

*Every island, sea, and mountain,
Heav'n and earth, shall flee away;
All who hate him must, confounded,
Hear the trump proclaim the day:
Come to judgment! Come to judgment! Come to judgment!
Come to judgment! Come away!*

*Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All his saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the day of God appear!*

*Answer thine own bride and Spirit,
Hasten, Lord, the general doom!
The new Heav'n and earth t'inherit,
Take thy pining exiles home:
All creation, all creation, all creation,
Travails! groans! and bids thee come!*

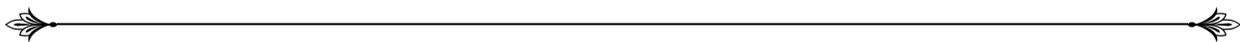
3. The dear tokens of his Passion
Still his dazzling body bears;
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! [O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!]
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone. [Everlasting God, come down!]

HYMN

1. Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing,
2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him,
3. Those dear to - kens of his Pas - sion
4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee,

1. Once for our sal - va - tion slain;
2. Robed in dread - ful ma - jes - ty;
3. Still his daz - zling bo - dy bears,
4. High on thine e - ter - nal throne;

1. Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
2. Those who set at nought and sold him,
3. Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
4. Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;



1. Swell the tri - umph of his train:
2. Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
3. To his ran - somed wor - ship - ears;
4. Claim the king - dom for thine own:

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
3. With what rap - ture, With what rap - ture,
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
2. Deep - ly wail - ing, Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
3. With what rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.