

Advent Hymns and Carols



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This is just a sampling of Advent carols available on this web site, something to get you started. I have begun to add the phrase "For Advent" at the top of appropriate web pages, which, if you search for that phrase, will yield many results. A broader search for the word "Advent" will retrieve a good many more pages.

Note that the phrase "Translation of" is often more precisely "Inspired by."

Some hymns, such as [Day of Anger, That Dread Day](#), are for Second Advent (the Second Coming), and were sung during the Advent season in past years.

Other hymns, such as those for the Annunciation or concerning St. John the Baptist, are also suitable for the Advent season.

Finally, there are other hymns, such as [Joy to the World](#), that are not ordinarily associated with the Advent, but appear on the Advent lists in some hymnals.

[The Advent of our God - Chandler](#)

[The Advent of Our God - Packer](#)

[The Advent of Our God at Hand - L C. Earle, 1883](#)

[The Advent of our King](#) - from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*

[Behold! The Baptist's Warning Sound](#) (Translation of [Charles Coffin](#), [Jordanis oras prævia](#) (1736))

[Behold the Bridegroom Cometh - Moultrie](#)

[Behold the Bridegroom Cometh - Brownlie](#)

[Behold the Bridegroom Draweth Nigh](#)

[Behold the Bridegroom! Hark The Cry](#)

[Blest Be The King Whose Coming - Version 1](#)

[Brief Life is Here Our Portion](#)

[Bright Builder of the Heavenly Poles](#) (Britt)

[Bright Builder of the Heavenly Poles](#) (Primer, 1685)

[Bright Maker of the Starry Poles](#)

[Celestial Word, To This Our Earth](#) (Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

[Christ is the Worlds True Light](#)

[Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies](#)

[Christian Children Advent Bids You](#)

[Christian! Seek Not Yet Repose](#)

[Come Thou Long Expected Jesus](#)

[Come Thou Precious Ransom Come](#)

[Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth](#) - Version 1, Neale Translation of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

[Come, Thou Redeemer Of The Earth - Version 2](#) - Another version of the Neale Translation of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

[Come, Thou Savior of of Our Race](#) - Reynolds Translation of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

[Come, Thou Universal Blessing](#)

[The Coming Of Our God](#) - Woodward

[Comfort, Comfort Ye My People](#) - 1

[Comfort Comfort Ye My People](#) - 2

[Creator Of The Starry Height](#) (from Monk and Steggall; Translation from the Latin [Conditor alme siderum](#))

[Creator of the Starry Pole](#) (From the Latin [Creator alme siderum](#). Revised from [Conditor alme siderum](#))

[Creator of the Stars Above](#) (Primer, 1706)

[Creator of the Stars Above](#) (Husenbeth)

[Creator of the Stars Above](#)

[Creator Of The Stars Of Night](#)

[Creator of Yon Circles Bright](#)

[Day of Anger, That Dread Day](#)

[Day of wrath, O day of mourning](#) (Translation of [*Dies iræ, dies illa*](#))

[Day Of Wrath! That Day Of Burning](#)

[Day of Wrath, That Day Whose Knelling](#)

[Day of Wrath, The Heart Dismaying](#)

[A Few More Years Shall Roll](#)

[Gabriels Message Does Away](#)

[Gabriel's Message Does Away - Version 2](#)

[Go Labor On](#)

[God is Working His Purpose Out](#)

[Great God what do I see and hear](#)

[Great Maker of the Glittering Stars](#)

[Hail to the Lord's Anointed](#)

[Hark The Glad Sound](#)

[Hark! A Gladsome Voice Is Thrilling](#)

[Hark! A Mystic Voice Is Sounding](#)

[Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding](#) (A translation of [*Vox clara ecce intonat*](#))

[Hark, An Awful Voice is Sounding](#)

[Hark, 'Tis the Watchmans Cry](#)

[Hark, What a Sound](#)

[Heavenly Word Proceeding Forth, The](#) (Neale Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#), often adapted)

[High Word of God](#) (Biggs Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#));
Alternate Title: *High Word of God, who once didst come*

[Hills of the North](#)

[Hosanna to the living Lord](#)

[How Shall I Sing That Majesty](#)

[Jesus Came — the Heavens Adoring](#)

[Jesus Shall Reign Whereer the Sun](#)

[Joy to the World](#) - Watts

[Joy To The World](#) - Version 1

[Joy To The World](#) - Version 2

[Joy To The World](#) - Version 3

[Joy To The World](#) - Version 4

[Lift Up The Advent Strain](#)

[Lift Up Your Heads Ye Gates of Brass](#)

[Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates - Version 1](#) (Catherine Winkworth translation of [Macht hoch die Tuer](#), alt.)

[Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates - Version 2](#) (Catherine Winkworth translation of [Macht hoch die Tuer](#))

[Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending](#), Charles Wesley (Inspired by the middle portion of [Dies iræ, dies illa](#), as were the six following hymns)

[Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending](#), Thomas Olivers

[Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending](#), Martin Madan's Compilation

[Lo! He Comes! Let All Adore Him](#), Thomas Kelly

[Lo! He Comes, An Infant Stranger](#), Richard Mant

[Lo! He Comes, An Infant Stranger](#) - From *Christmas Carols 1833*

[Lo! He Cometh, Countless Trumpets](#), John Cennick

[Lo! Now A Thrilling Voice Sounds Forth](#)

[Lo, The Baptist's Herald Cry](#) - Williams

[Lo! The Desert-Depths Are Stirr'd](#)

[Lord Her Watch Thy Church Is Keeping](#)

[Lord of Mercy and of Might](#)

Lord of the Boundless Curves of Space (Lyrics are copyright. See #405 in *The New English Hymnal*)

[Love Divine All Loves Excelling](#)

[Make Broad The Path](#) (George Ratcliffe Woodward; Translation of [Macht hoch die Tuer](#))

[Maker of the Starry Sphere](#)

[The Mighty Gates of Earth Unbar](#) (Translation of [Macht hoch die Tuer](#); Altered from Mercer's *Psalter and Hymn Book*)

[O Bright Creator of the Stars](#)

[O Come, Redeemer of Mankind](#) - Morgan Translation of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

[O Thou Redeemer Of Our Race](#) - Palmer Translation of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

[O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Version 1](#) See: [Notes on Veni, Veni, Emmanuel](#) and [The Great O Antiphons](#)

[O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Version 2](#)

[O Come, Redeemer of Mankind](#) - Translation of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

[O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light](#) (Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

[O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light](#) (The Hymnal 1982, Hymn #63, copyright 1982; translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

[O Heavenly Word of God on High](#) (New English Bible Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#), Hymn #2, copyright 1986)

[O Jesus, Thou Art Standing](#)

[O Lord our God, Arise](#)

[O North with all thy vales of green](#)

[O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All](#)

[O Saving Victim, Opening Wide](#) (Caswall and Neale Translation of verses 5 and 6 of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

[O Thou, The Maker of Each Star](#), Alfred, Lord Braye, 1883.

[O Thou, Who Thine Own Father's Breast](#) (Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

[O Very God of Very God](#)

[O Word, That Goest Forth on High](#) (The Hymnal 1940, Hymn #8, copyright 1940; translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

[On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry - 1](#) (Translation of [Charles Coffin, Jordanis oras prævia](#) (1736)

[On Jordan's Banks, The Herald's Cry - 2](#)

[On Jordan's Bank, The Baptist's Cry - 3](#)

[On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry](#) - Chandler

[Once He Came in Blessing](#) (Translation of Johann Roh (?-1547), *Gottes Sohn is kommen*, 1544)

[Our God Approaches From The Skies](#) - Williams

[Prepare Thy Way, O Zion](#)

[Redeemer of the Nations, Come](#) - Price Translation of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#) (Copyright, The Hymnal 1982, #55)

[Redeemer of the Nations, Come](#) – Translator Unknown of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

[Redeemer of the Nations, Come](#) - Winkworth Translation of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

[Rejoice, All Ye Believers - Findlater](#) (Translation of [Ermuntert euch, ihr Frommen](#))

[Rejoice, All Ye Believers](#) [The translation is an altered form of Sarah Findlater's, which appeared in *Hymns from the Land of Luther* by her and her sister, Jane Borthwick, 1854, first series.]

[Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers](#) (Translation, altered, of [Ermuntert euch, ihr Frommen](#))

[Rejoice! the Lord is King](#) - 1

[Rejoice, The Lord Is King!](#) - 2

[Savior Eternal! Health and Life of the World](#)

[Savior Of The Nations, Come](#) - Version 1 (Reynolds Translation of [Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland](#), 1524)

[Savior of the Nations, Come](#) - Version 2, an adaptation of the Reynolds Translation of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

[Saviour Of The Nations, Come](#) - Pre-1908 translation from the Moravian Church of [Veni, Redemptor Gentium](#)

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-) (Under Copyright)

[Sleepers, Wake! The Watch-Cry Pealeth, Frances Elizabeth Cox \(1812-1897, 1864\), alt.](#)

[Slumberers, Wake, The Bridegroom Cometh!, The Rev. J. H. Hopkins \(1820-1891\)](#)

[Son of God, Eternal Savior](#)

[Supernal Word, Proceeding From](#) (Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

[Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand](#)

[That Day of Wrath and Grief and Shame](#)

[That Day of Wrath, That Dreadful Day](#)

[The Church Of God A Kingdom Is](#)

[The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns](#)

[The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow](#)

[The Mighty God the Lord Hath Spoken](#)

[The Period Is Come, And Lo, To-day](#) (Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

[The World Is Very Evil](#)

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying (Words by James Lewis Milligan, 1930, Under Copyright)

[Thou Art Coming, O My Saviour](#)

[Thou Whose Almighty Word](#)

[Thy Father's Bosom Thou Didst Leave](#) (Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#); Chandler, 1837)

[Thy Kingdom Come, O God](#)

[Thy Kingdom Come! On Bended Knee](#)

[To Earth Descending, Word Sublime](#) (Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

[Up! Awake! From Highest Steeple](#), George Ratcliffe Woodward (early 1900s)

[Wake, Awake, The Night Is Flying](#), Catherine Winkworth (1858)

[Wake, O Wake! With Tidings Thrilling](#), Francis Crawford Burkitt (1906)

[Wake The Startling Watch-Cry Pealeth](#), [Frances Elizabeth Cox](#) (1812-1897, 1864), original

[Wake! The Startling Watch-Cry Pealeth](#), [Frances Elizabeth Cox](#) (1812-1897, 1864), alt. from J. H. Hopkins, with music.

[Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night](#)

What Is The Crying At Jordan (Carol Christopher Drake (1933-), Under Copyright)

[When Came In Flesh The Incarnate Word](#)

[Work For The Day Is Coming](#)

[Ye Servants Of The Lord](#)

[Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious](#)

[Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious - Version 2](#)

[Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious - Version 3](#)

Notes:

Also see the [Advent Hymns](#) list from Oremus; links were not updated after the most recent remodel of this site.

Additional Advent hymns that I'm looking for:

A few more years shall roll

Come, The Savior of Mankind (also known as "Now Come, Savior of the Heathen")

Creator of the starry height

From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord

Hark! the voice eternal

Herald, sound the note of judgment

High o'er the lonely hills

Long ago, prophets knew

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to men

Lord, in this thy mercy's day

Now Come, Savior of the Gentiles

Now Come, the Heathen's Savior

Now Come, the Savior of Mankind

Now Come, the World's Savior

Now Comes the Gentle Savior

O Christ the Lord, O Christ the King

O day of God, draw nigh

Word Descending From Above (Translation of [Verbum supernum prodiens](#))

I am also going to be looking for additional translations of [Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme](#), the German carol based on the parable of the ten virgins: [Matthew 25: 1-13](#):

Julian lists the following additional translations in Common Use (1892):

- Sleepers Wake, A Voice is Calling - W. Ball
- Wake Ye Holy Maidens, Wake Ye - Philip Pusy
- Wake, Arise! The Call Obeying - A. T. Russell
- Wake, Arise! The Voice Is Calling - Anonymous
- Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying - Canon W. Cooke
- Wake, Oh Wake: Around Are Flying - A. T. Russell ("recast ... not for the better" according to Julian)
- Wake! The Watchman's Voice Is Sounding - R. C. Singleton

Others not in Common Use, according to Julian:

- Awake, Arise, It Is The Warning
- Awake, Arise, The Voice Gives Warning
- Awake! Awake! The Watchman Calls - Miss Fry
- Awake, The Voice Is Crying
- Hark! The Trump of God Is Sounding - Dr. H. Mills
- Up! Awake! His Summons Hurried - J. D. Burns
- Waken! From The Tower It Soundeth - Mrs. Bevan

Source: John Julian, *The Dictionary of Hymnology* (1892, 1907).

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