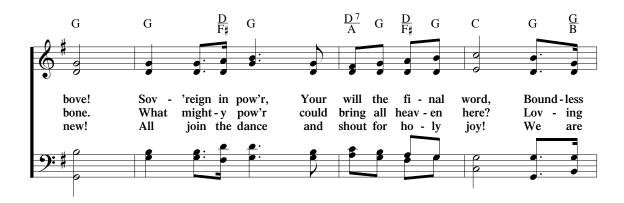
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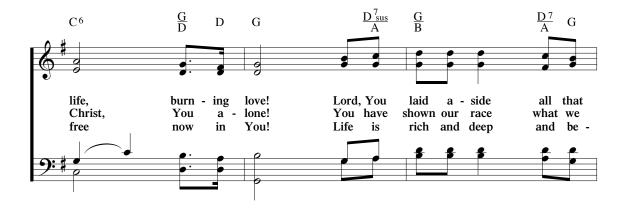
TUNE: Come, Come, Ye Saints (ALL IS WELL)

John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11;

Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:14-17; 1 John 3:2



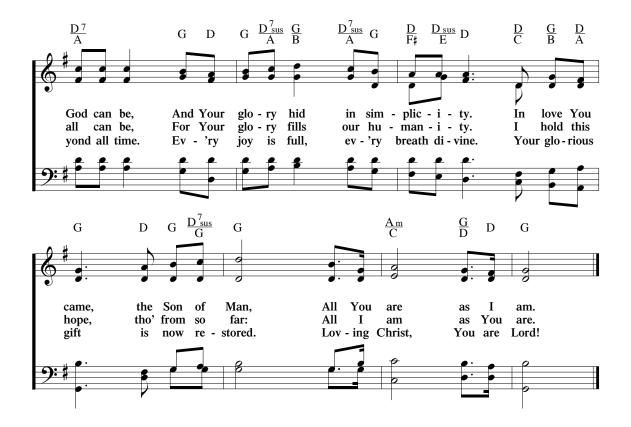




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TOPICS: Advent; Christmas; Eternal Life; God's Love; Living in Christ; Praise & Worship

LEAD-IN: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

(Philippians 2:5-8, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Human

Hear John 1:14:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (NIV)

God is holy.

We were born into sin. It is all we have ever known.

God is pure light.

As creatures of the darkness, we instinctively run from Him.

God is love.

In our selfishness we are suspicious of Him.

God is Spirit.

To us physical creatures, He seems unreal.

God is perfect wisdom.

To our ignorance, He seems foolish.

God is all in all, and He offers Himself to us freely and completely. In ourselves, we cannot see, cannot know, and cannot accept Him.

But now God has crossed all the barriers between Him and us.

This Light,

this Love,

this Wisdom,

this God

has become a real human being.

This 100% God has become 100% flesh and blood

and has lived right here among us.

He has shared our daily routines, our temptations, our weaknesses, and even our death.

He became a creature like us.

We look at Him in all His humanity, and what do we see? We see the glory of God Himself! Creation, in all its magnificence, is only a faint reflection of all that God is. Jesus is the Living God complete and at full strength. He is exactly like God and exactly like us, all at the same time, yet without our sin.

Because He became human, humanity will never be the same again. Jesus is the Second Adam, the beginning of a whole new race, a whole new possibility for each and every one of us.

Father,
You have removed everything that separates
You and me.
I don't want to hold You at arm's length any longer.
Help me to know You and trust You completely.

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