

318 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day.”
- 2 See, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heav’n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv’n;
- 3 So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.
- 4 Honor, glory, might, dominion
to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit
while eternal ages run!

Text: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.; Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.
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487 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for ev’ry sinner slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ reveals his endless reign.
- 2 Ev’ry eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers.
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 pow’r and glory,
claim the kingdom as thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

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659 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

- 1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
turned away God's wrath forever;
by his bitter grief and woe
he saved us from the evil foe.
- 2 As his pledge of love undying,
he, this precious food supplying,
gives his body with the bread
and with the wine the blood he shed.
- 3 Jesus here himself is sharing;
take heed how you are preparing,
for if you do not believe,
judgment instead you shall receive.
- 4 Useless would be Jesus' passion
if salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose
you need not him who died and rose.
- 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
and receive my grace and favor;
those who feel no pain or ill
need no physician's help or skill."
- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
that this food is to be taken
by the souls who are distressed,
by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
unto us such food has given
and, to mend what we have done,
gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes
and your mouth your sin confesses,
surely you will be his guest
and at his banquet ever blest.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; John Hus,
c. 1369–1415
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309 The Advent of Our King

- 1 The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son,
in flesh content to be,
himself a servant's form puts on
to set his servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise
to meet your lowly King,
nor let a faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again
and his true members all unite
with him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone,
the old self all be put away,
the new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
through all eternity.

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