

# Advent Prayer

Lord God, we adore you because you came to us then:  
You gave us your Law and Commandments.  
You challenged us in the words of the prophets.  
You showed yourself to us in Jesus...

Lord God, we adore you because you come to us now:  
You are present in the love of family and friends.  
You are in our midst when we gather in your name.  
You come to us as we share your word and your bread...

Lord God, we adore you because you will come to us one day.  
You will be with us at the hour of death.  
You will reign over all when nations and governments decline.  
You will be with us always, till the end of time... its course.

We welcome you, the God who was, who is, and who will come.  
Come to us now in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.



God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome.  
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy  
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Saint Matthew Parish Community Prayer**  
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