



Letter Head of School

One of my favorite Christmas hymns is "O Come All Ye Faithful." History has it that the song was first written in Latin. It is in almost every modern-day hymnal published today. The original Latin text consisted of four stanzas, but I have seen an English translation of up to eight verses. The song calls us to visualize anew the infant Jesus in Bethlehem's stable. It also reminds us of the Biblical truth that the Christ child is God Himself. Its richness in Biblical truth is probably one of the reasons I like the song so much.

Another reason I like it though is that it depicts a great visual for me. For example, the third stanza pictures for us the exalted song of the angelic choir heard by the lowly shepherds. When I am singing it, I almost feel that I am there when the host of angels first appeared to deliver the message of Christ's birth. However, probably the thing I love most about the song is that it offers praise and adoration to the Word, our Lord, who was with the Father from the beginning of time.

This Christmas season I invite you on a journey to revisit the miracle of God becoming flesh as a little baby. As you ponder this miracle of God, I challenge you to recommit yourself to following this child who is Immanuel – God with us. Throw yourself into what the song calls you to do – "O come let us adore Him." Celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ through adoration. Trust in Him and follow Him day by day. Be faithful in every aspect of your lives as a way of worship to our God. Adore him through your words and actions no matter where or what you are doing.

In this advent season, God still bids you to "come." When you respond with a heart that responds to His call, you'll be bringing the Christ-child your sweetest adoration of all.

I pray that you all will have a blessed Christmas as you adore the one we celebrate – Jesus.