



# *We greet your coming*

*We greet your coming, God, with wonder:  
You come to be with us;  
yet you remain far greater than we can imagine.  
You are near;  
yet your wisdom sets you apart from us.  
You appear among us;  
yet we cannot describe your glory.*

*We greet your coming, God with repentance:  
We are more or less satisfied with ourselves;  
but your presence exposes our sin and failure.  
We are self-confident:  
but you challenge our confidence in ourselves.  
We are proud of our understanding;  
but you show us that we do not know everything.*

*We greet your coming, God, with joy:  
We had no true idea of what you are like;  
but you have shown us yourself in Jesus Christ.  
We felt our human life could be of no importance to you;  
but you have shown its value  
by appearing among us as a man.  
We are aware of the gulf between us and you;  
but you have bridged it with love.*

*God, we greet your coming in Jesus Christ our Lord!*