

WORD OF THE WEEK	COLLECT OF ADVENT
<p style="text-align: center;">Advent / 'adv(ə)nt, 'advent/</p> <p>The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word <i>adventus</i>, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word <i>parousia</i>.</p> <p>Noun</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the first season of the Church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays. 2. the arrival of a notable person or thing. "Life was transformed by the advent of the steam engine." <p>Synonyms: arrival · coming · onset · appearance · approach · entrance · occurrence · visitation.</p>	<p>ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.</p> <p>Advent Collect Church of England</p>
WHAT IS ADVENT	SONG OF THE WEEK
<p>Advent symbolises the present situation of the church in these "last days" (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season.</p>	<p>'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'</p> <p>Maverick City (feat. Naomi Raine and Nate Moore)</p>  <p>Released December 2020</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtOi0IP0DCo&lc=Ugya6qbs1E7S5k9J4AaABAq</p>