Words for Worship Sunday 29 November 2026 – Advent 1

One: Jesus said to them, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

All: Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen.

Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness;
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you.
Hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted;
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came
to the earth you created,
All for loves sake became poor.

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In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint

By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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We will raise the name of the Lord
Our refuge and our song
Every circumstance we rise and sing,
"Our God, our rescuer!"

Taste and see that the Lord is good
Blessed are those who take refuge in him
Taste and see that the Lord is good
That the Lord is good
That the Lord is good.

In our brokenness we will see
Our mighty God is here
We declare with joy, "The Lord is good!
Our God, our rescuer!"

We God's people gathered rejoice
Our Saviour face with hope
Radiant we sing; our songs proclaim,
"Our God, our rescuer!"

There is hope – Jesus is coming!
Be at peace – Jesus is coming!
Rejoice and sing – Jesus is coming!
There will be love – when Jesus comes.

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love: we wait for Jesus.
Hope, Peace, Joy, Love: we wait for Jesus.
Hope, Peace, Joy, Love: we wait for Jesus.
We'll have them all – when Jesus comes.

There will be hope – when Jesus comes.
There will be peace – when Jesus comes.
There will be joy – when Jesus comes.
There will be love – when Jesus comes.

As Joseph slept a fitful sleep
All troubled by his heart and head,
He dreamt an angel stood before him
And these the words the angel said:

"O Joseph, Son of good King David
Your love for Mary need not die
for what now gives you such heart sorrow
Will bring to all the gift of life.

For God the mighty and the graceful
Has chosen her to bear a child;
Conceived by Spirit, born of flesh
And given to you to hold a while.

This son that you will give your name to
Must also bear the saviour's name
For God has promised to his people
A saviour who will ever reign".

The day you gave us Lord is nearing
When we his coming celebrate
And till he comes again we live in
The light of his birth, life and death.

We're waiting for the day when you come
The sound of praise together resounds
Every voice from beginning to end
Join the song

This story of our lives that we sing
Our God at work through history
Every voice from beginning to end
Join the song

Immanuel – God is with us
Praise to our king
Born to save us
Immanuel – God is with us

We're listening for the sound of your voice
Your word of truth in heart and in mind
Every voice from beginning to end
Join the song

The story of our saviour's great love
Our God becoming one of us
Every voice from beginning to end
Join the song