



# Once He Came in Blessing

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1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -

dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,

Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -

save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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## “Once He Came in Blessing”

This hymn includes the past, present, and future of Christ’s work for us. It speaks of what Jesus did for us and what he is doing, and it points us to our future in heaven.

The first verse speaks of Christ’s ministry as a completed fact. The opening phrases state: “Once he came in blessing, all our sins redressing.” This is a summary of Christ’s saving work for us, which brought forgiveness of sins. The rest of verse 1 tells us about his lowly birth and how he took our sins to the cross to save us.

The second verse points to what Jesus does for us today. He feeds us through his precious Word, healing us of our sin-provoked woes. Jesus also feeds us through his Sacrament. Through both Word and Sacrament, Jesus reminds us that our sins have been forgiven and our God-given faith has been strengthened.

The last two verses point to the days to come, when our time on this earth is finished. Jesus will not come in lowliness as he did in his incarnation. He will come with great power and in beautiful splendor.

The last words of the Lord Jesus, “Yes, I am coming quickly” (Revelation 22:20), are a promise to his church, God’s saints on earth. It is spoken by the faithful witness of God in Jesus Christ (Rev.1:5), who solemnly testifies to everything that has been revealed to John and to the churches. With John we say, “Amen, come now, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20).

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for everything you have accomplished in our lives. Thank you for freeing us from our sins. Help us keep our eyes of faith on you until the day you will come in great glory. Amen.