

A strange waiting

*Advent is waiting for the birth
of Jesus,
but it's a strange waiting:
we are waiting each year for
someone we know is here!
We recall in Advent
that the Lord Jesus has come
among us,
is present all the time
and will come again in glory.
He is the child who is born each year,
for the world always needs its God
and Saviour.
He is the child awaited each year,
for our lives are new each year,
and we need him in different ways at
different stages of life,
and the world has different needs of
God at different times.*

*We need the child of peace to be born
in our wars and violence,
the child of wisdom in our search for
truth and meaning,
the child of gentleness in a world
which can be harsh and greedy.*

*We need to know in Jesus
that birth and life
are among the most precious gifts
of God,
and that in the birth of Jesus
each year,
is the everlasting promise of God
to be with us.
And Advent looks ahead,
letting us see that the life of Jesus is
never over,
that the truth of Jesus is always
spoken
that the love of Jesus is always real,
and that he will one day be seen
in glory.
For we are people of Advent
and Easter,
of waiting and of resurrection; we
are people of earth and heaven,
as he is the Son of God and Son
of Mary,
and leads us through our life
on earth
to the eternal glory of heaven.*

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