

We gather here, O God, as your little ones, people who do not deserve your grace or attention but have been overwhelmed by your unmerited favor. We are not a great Church; much of what we do and are lies in the ceremony of this hour, in this building where the memories of the Community are stored, in the rituals of recognition and fellowship that keep us going from year to year. Some of us are tired. Some are afraid. Some are even skeptical. But we gather today in love and repentance to confess our sins and feel your forgiveness in our hearts as we enter this Advent Season. Even as the People of God, we need to experience our brokenness before your holiness, our finiteness before your unlimited power.

Come, Spirit of the living God, and fall fresh on us. Come, O Christ, whose very coming is judgment on those in whose midst you come, and chasten and prepare us for the Father's presence & grant that every man, woman and child among us may begin this day a time of serious self-appraisal so that by X'mas we shall be appropriately humbled and ready to receive and acknowledge your lordship in every part of our lives, in every shred of our beings. Let the star that shone over Bethlehem when Christ was born shine once more in our troubled skies, and give hope to millions who dwell in darkness, doubt,

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*And Sir, for you are indeed
a God of grace and kindness*

