

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

For Dawn Owens

# The Lord Has Come!

TUNE: Deck the Halls (alt.)

Isaiah 7:14; 40:9-11; Matthew 1:23

♩ = 92

D A7 C# D A7 Bm A D A F#m A7 A D Em D A D

1. Fill the world with cel - e - bra - tion! Spread the news: our Hope has come!  
2. God Him-self in flesh is giv - en. He is here! The Lord has come!

D A7 C# D A7 Bm A D A F#m A7 A D Em D A D

Ev - 'ry heart and ev - 'ry na - tion, Come and see: our Peace has come!  
See the light of ho - ly heav - en! Lift your eyes! The Lord has come!

A Bm7 A7 C# A C# D Dsus E D F# A C# D D E F# D6 F#m Bm7 A E7 A

Hear the song so long a - wait - ed: Ev - er - last - ing joy has come!  
Join us here - we all can know Him. Life and Joy, the Lord has come!

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MUSIC: Welsh Melody; adapted by Ken Bible

DECK THE HALLS 2  
8.7.8.7.D.

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Find the life your God cre - at - ed. What a gift! His Love has come!  
 Let us bring the praise we owe Him. Je - sus Christ our Lord has come!

TOPICS: Advent; Christmas

LEAD-IN: *You who bring good tidings to Zion,  
 go up on a high mountain.  
 You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem,  
 lift up your voice with a shout,  
 lift it up, do not be afraid;  
 say to the towns of Judah,  
 "Here is your God!"*  
 (Isaiah 40:9, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Rejoice in Your Destiny**

*God made him who had no sin  
to be sin for us,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.  
(2 Corinthians 5:21, NIV)*

The Christmas story is so simple that a child can enjoy it, yet so broad and deep that no human mind can grasp it all. A Being so magnificent that He spoke the universe into existence from nothing—He merely expressed His will and it appeared—this Being became entirely human and lived among us.

We could see and touch the One who transcends all matter. What we saw, what we touched was love—pure, complete, compassionate love, in a world soaked with fear and selfishness.

This Being became humble. How could the sovereign source of all be humble? The immense God became small for us. Perfect wisdom, perfect peace, perfect love became small and simple enough for us.

In this One, our mortality took on immortality. The human has become divine. Humility glows with Majesty. Weakness is now strength. Our darkness now shines with the splendor of Almighty God.

Look at Jesus Christ. He has become what we can be:  
a creature one with our Creator;  
a child of man and a child of God;  
thoroughly human, yet holy and divine.

Look at Jesus Christ and rejoice in your destiny.