
HOLY OBEDIENCE

Lead, Kindly Light —
Lead Thou me on.

J. H. Card. Newman.

God said, "Go to Rome!"
And Newman went;
Pius said, "Go, teach the Irish!"
And Newman went;
Cullen said, "Go, teach the English!"
And Newman went;
Manning said, "Go, hide yourself!"
And Newman went.
Newman was obedient.

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ADVENT

"Aspiciens a longe, ecce video Dei potentiam venientem..." The first response of matins for the first Sunday of Advent thus ushers in this first part of the Ecclesiastical Year, setting the mood for the season with a description of the attitude of watchfulness that prevails. From the stem of Jesse, according to the prophecy of Isaias, there was to come forth, in the fullness of time, a most fair flower, and that flower was to be the long awaited Messiah. The first of the two Theophanies of the divine magnificence, the cosmic creation, had long been accomplished, and the world was waiting wrapped in a mantle of darkness and sin, longing for deliverance through the second, the human redemption, to be effected by the Incarnate Son of God.

Inasmuch as the liturgy of this season manifests a longing for light in darkness, for deliverance out of the miseries of sin, Advent earnestly recalls the period before the coming of Christ and the preparation before the coming of the Savior, for His birth as man. It also seeks to evoke in the hearts of the faithful an earnest desire to be united with Christ by grace. The soul, however, longs to be still more closely united with the Saviour, that it may look forward with confidence and joy to His second coming for the judgment. Advent begins with the Sunday nearest the feast of Saint Andrew (November 30). According to mediaeval liturgists, St. Andrew inaugurates the ecclesiastical year because he showed his brother Simon Peter the way to the Lord. Moreover, this apostle, the first one to be called by