

2025-12-14 Meditation for the Third Sunday of Advent is now available  
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Theme song (7<sup>th</sup>-century hymn):

Creator of the stars of night  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe . . . .

### ***Saviour of the Nations, Come***

Lyrics: St Ambrose (c. 340-397), *Veni redemptor gentium*

Trans. Martin Luther (1483-1546; written 1524), *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Trans. William M. Reynolds (1880), *Saviour of the Nations, Come*

Melody: *Geistliches Gesangbüchlein* (Wittenberg, 1524) based on the chant for *Veni redemptor gentium*

Arr. Robert G. Farrell (b. 1945)

Artists: [not given] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HxXFatWo9Y>

- 1 Savior of the nations come  
Virgin's Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 From the Father forth he came,  
And returns unto the same,  
Captive leading death and hell.  
High the song of triumph swell.
- 3 You, the Father's only Son,  
Have o'er sin the vict'ry won.  
Boundless shall your kingdom be  
When shall we its glories see?
- 4 Dew from heaven, gently come

Bring our barren land to bloom.  
Melt our mountains, blessed rain  
Let proud hills be level plain.

[Sung in parallel fifths]

5 Long desired of ages past,  
Show yourself to us at last  
And from sin's captivity,  
Call us back and set us free.

[Unison]

6 Brightly does your manger shine  
Glorious is its light divine.  
Let not sin o'ercloud this light  
Ever be our faith thus bright.

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