

Us, sinners and shepherds, called with the company of saints and angels.

Us, loved so dearly.

A dear cost, a dear price, to be paid by this Child. Not compelled or commanded, but given by him for us, freely. His life for us, because of his love for us.

How can I not love You, whose love for me is so true?

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I adore You!

It's easy to adore a baby. Or a puppy. Anything cute and cuddly and so adooooorable. That word "adore," it has come to mean much less than it did, or should.⁴

Adore . . . *adorare* . . . it's Latin for to honour, to pay homage, to revere.⁵

Adore is to speak prayer.

Adore is a worship word.

Adoring is joyful. Adoring is wondrous.

Adoring is humans in the presence of God.

"O Come, let us adore him" is a call to prayer.

Delightful prayer.

Delightful prayer before the cradle. Delightful prayer, kneeling on straw. Delightful prayer, to the sounds of angels singing, saints gasping, shepherds jostling, and sinners craning to see. The sounds of you and me.

Adoring is delightful prayer with the faithful. All the faithful who have come. All who are now faith-filled, brimming with this Gift of God through Whom, we can now see, we can trust with eternity.

O Come, let us adore him. Christ the Lord!

⁴ Emma Green, "The Adorable Grandiosity of 'O Come All Ye Faithful'" The Atlantic (December 24, 2015): <https://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2015/12/the-adorable-grandiosity-of-o-come-all-ye-faithful/421038/>

⁵ <http://www.latin-dictionary.net/definition/1302/adoro-adorare-adoravi-adoratus>