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Prayer

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O come, o come
Emanuel!
Come be with us
As you once came
Long ago.
But we did not know.
And so we have
Not yet
Fed the hungry,
Clothed the naked,
Visited the sick,
Or
Let the oppressed
Be free.
Help us
Prepare
For your coming.
And while we are
Waiting,
Help us see you
In each person
We meet.
O come, o come
God be with us.
Amen.

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The first week in Advent - so begins one of the not-so-important struggles of the church. Do we sing Christmas carols in Advent because we love them, or do we wait, because that is what Advent is all about - waiting for the Christ child to come?

One of my wise mentors managed the issue. Sing the carols in preparation for the Christ child. Let's practice them so we are really good by the 12 days of Christmas - the ones that follow Christmas Day. That is also what Advent is all about - preparing for the Christ child to come!

Waiting and preparing - preparing and waiting...

We are preparing - gifts and cookies for those close at hand, collecting coats and canned goods for those we don't know, but who are in need. We can do this!

We are waiting for a time when injustice is changed and best practices are, well, practiced. Our waiting needs to be more than just waiting it out. Our waiting needs to be active. What concerns are closest to your heart? What can we do to actively address them?

One of my favorite activities is starting with an empty manger and filling it with soft things: acts of kindness and reminders of positive stands taken. That way, it will be comfortable for the Christ child who came once and is to come again.

Happy Advent-ing!

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