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“See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation.”
Zechariah 9:9 (NIV)

“TT-EXTRA”: First Sunday in Advent

Dear Friends,

Early December 2020

We send you our warmest greetings for the First Sunday in Advent!

At the age of 46 Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676) wrote the well-known **German Advent hymn** “Wie soll ich dich empfangen?” (“**O Lord, how shall I meet you?**”) His hymns and songs are all the more meaningful as they were influenced by the Thirty Years War (1618–1648) and marked by epidemics such as the plague (1636–37), smallpox and dysentery, and the early death of three of his five children and his wife Anna Maria (1667). They had only been married twelve years and she was 45 at the time.

The fifth verse of the hymn came from the depth of his heart, from personal experience and from his unswerving faith in the Lord Jesus.

This poetic translation was written by Catherine Winkworth:

**“Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.”**



In fact the original German words are more dramatic. Literally the verse reads: **“Nothing, nothing but the best of all loves compelled You to leave the expanse of heaven to come to me; in doing so You have so firmly embraced the whole world with its thousand plagues and its inexpressibly great burden of misery.”**

At this time of great uncertainty, these words should remind us of the ONE who holds time and every circumstance in HIS hands and who will assuredly come again!

Let us all hold fast to HIM and trust HIM!

From the bottom of our hearts we wish you God's blessing and HIS peace for this Advent Season.

Yours gratefully,



Hans-Georg & Margret

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