

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

This **IS** the great **AMEN**, the “**YES**” that brought salvation to mankind.

OUR waiting, our anticipation, is nearly at an end.

We’ve checked our lanterns, our hearts, and have trimmed them in readiness for His coming.

We are ready, on watch, listening for His knock at the door, that we may open it and let Him enter.

Who is this that we wait and look for? He is the Lord, the King of Creation, the Promise of ages, the Savior of the world. He is Emmanuel, God with us.

He is our Way, our Truth, and our Life. It is He to whom **WE** say “yes”, “amen”, “I believe” when we receive Him in Holy Communion, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

And soon, very soon, we will pray not “Come, Lord Jesus”, but “Welcome, Lord Jesus.” Welcome into my heart, welcome into my life, and make **OUR** spirits leap with joy at your coming.