ADVENT FOUR

We are on a human journey.

We have a divine calling.

Our true gift is our relationship with God.

God pours Himself out in love.

At the heart of everything,

There is a loving God.

Find Him in Advent.

Beneath the tinsel and the fairy lights,

Is an awesome and mysterious truth –

The discovery of the God

Who is with us and on our side.

Even when things are at their darkest,

He is the God who is with us –

In our joys and our sorrows,

In our life, in our dying,

In humble service and in our giving.

God is revealing who He is,

And unmasking who we are,

Enlarging and transforming

What it means to be a person.

And we are filled with gratitude and wonder.

God is earthed in creation.

Our good hopes, our dreams of peace and justice,

Our acts of kindness and compassion,

All find meaning now.

Our dignity and value is revealed.

Prepare your heart for Christ’s coming.

Invite Him into places where He is missing.

Discover where you need Him in your life.

Feel the absence and the emptiness,

The shallowness in your heart.

Cry out “Come, Lord Jesus”,

“Come in a new way with genuine hope,

With feeling and energy and joy.

We do the letting, God does the coming.

Let our struggles be the door to Advent grace.

We walk in darkness.

Advent opens up a promise

That God will come.

Invite Him into your heart,

Your home, your country.

Give your restless heart to God.

What is the emptiness you keep feeding ?

What is the longing you can’t name ?

Rest and whisper,

“Come Lord Jesus, Come”.

Ann Crowley