

Dec 11. My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation

Whenever I'm asked to pick my favourite _____ (fill in the blank) I'm stumped. I like this, but I also like that and someday I prefer the other! So, choosing a Christmas hymn – help – I love so many.

A common theme in many of them though is that God has COME TO US. First promised in Genesis 3, the One who would come to crush the serpent's head was miraculously born in Bethlehem...Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us.

While now, again, we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' first Advent I think about Simeon (Luke 2). Led by the Holy Spirit he had been waiting for the answer to this old promise.

This promise that is a person.

In his waiting, how many firstborn sons had been brought to Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord? Hundreds, thousands? Yet when Mary and Joseph arrived with the infant Jesus, Simeon knew. He took the child in his arms, blessed God and said, "...my eyes have seen your salvation...".

This baby come to us "found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil 2:8) to bring the salvation Simeon saw. The Lord has opened our eyes and our hearts. How blessed we are to say the same: my eyes have seen your salvation.