



Come Adore Song Reflection

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The traditional Adoration song, *Come Adore*, (English version of *Tantum Ergo*) is packed full of meaning. Below is a reflection on the words of *Come Adore* with questions and possible answers. As the students understand the song in more depth, it will hopefully lead them closer to our Lord as they sing it during Adoration.

Please see your parish hymnal for the words.

Verse 1:

Who is this wondrous presence? *Jesus.*

Why is He so wondrous? Name some of the wonderful things Jesus has done for us.

Answers will vary.

What does adore mean? *To love intensely¹*

How can we adore or love Jesus intensely? *Spend time with Jesus at Adoration and at home. Thank Him often for all He does for us. Praise Him for how wonderful and loving He is.*

Why would we bow? *To show respect and reverence.*

Why do we want to give Christ this reverence? *He is our King!*

¹ adore. Dictionary.com. WordNet® 3.0. Princeton University. <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/adore> (accessed: November 01, 2007).

What does source mean here? *The place (or divine person) where something begins* ²

What does grace mean? *The free and undeserved gift from God that helps us "to conform our lives to his will." "God shares his divine life and friendship with us in a habitual gift, a stable and supernatural disposition that enables a soul to live with God, to act by his love."* ³

This grace includes the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord) and the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit (charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.)

What then does this whole line, "Bow . . . grace", of the song mean? *Christ is where God's grace/gift of help in our lives starts from and from Christ we can receive this grace. Therefore, we bow before Christ, our king, to show Him respect because He is the divine person in which God's grace comes from.*

What promise is this? *After Jesus rose from the dead and spent forty days on earth with His disciples, He ascended into heaven. Just before He ascended, Jesus promised to remain with us until the end of time. "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:20 He remains with us through the Blessed Sacrament.*

What is the earthly dwelling place? *The Blessed Sacrament is the earthly dwelling place of Jesus. The Blessed Sacrament is the **real** Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus' real Presence is hidden within the consecrated host. Jesus is the Blessed Sacrament on Earth even while He is in heaven.*

Why is sight blind? What does this mean? *Seeing with our eyes is not always enough to view God's glory.*

How does our faith help us beyond our sight? *We need to have belief, trust, and confidence in what God has revealed. We believe that Jesus died on the cross, rose*

² source. Dictionary.com. WordNet® 3.0. Princeton University. <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/source> (accessed: November 01, 2007).

³ Catechism of the Catholic Church's Glossary

from the dead, and opened the gates of heaven even though we were not there to witness the events. Our faith does this for us.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples in the upper room, behind locked doors. One of the disciple, Thomas, was not present. Thomas said he would not believe that Jesus had come until he put his fingers in the nail marks and his hand in the sword wound on Jesus' side. Jesus said to Thomas after Thomas came to believe after seeing the Lord, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." John 20:29

Verse 2:

What does glory mean? *To praise or honor*

What does praise mean? *To tell how wonderful.*

How about co-equal? *Just as important.*

God, the Father, and God, the Son, are equally as important as is God, the Holy Spirit.

We know that adore means to love intensely, so what does adoration mean?

1. *a feeling of profound love and admiration*
2. *the act of admiring strongly*
3. *the worship given to God alone* ⁴

More specifically, adoration is "the acknowledgement of God as God, Creator and Savior, the Lord and Master of everything that exists" ⁵

What does "God-head one" mean? *The Blessed Trinity - three divine persons in one God.*

What about "bond of love"? *Uniting or binding promise of love that is held together by the Trinity.* ⁶

What does "blest" mean? *Held in reverence or honored in worship* ⁷

⁴ "adoration." WordNet® 3.0. Princeton University. 01 Nov. 2007. <Dictionary.com <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/adoration>>.

⁵ Catechism of the Catholic Church's Glossary

⁶ bond. Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary 1987 by Merriam-Webster Inc.

⁷ blessed. Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary 1987 by Merriam-Webster Inc.

Why should God be blest or highly favored? *Answers will vary.*

Who is all creation? *Us, all people, the saints, angels, and all animals*

You could tell the story of St. Anthony of Padua and the donkey. (Story & color sheet are on the Follow-up Activities page under the Praise and Adoration link on www.guidedchildrensadoration.com.)

What does "while ages run" mean? *Forever - time (the ages) is always moving forward (running).*

What then does this whole line of the song, "Blest be . . . run", mean? *All our life, all our children's life and their children's life and so on, we should joyfully hold God in reverence and worship Him for being our merciful and loving creator.*