

# Marana-tha, "Come, Lord"

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Dear brothers, sisters and lay people,

Happy Easter to each one of you, to your communities and to your families.

The death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus for all rekindles the tension that remains between this event and its full realisation, when death will be conquered and God will be all in all.

The early Christian communities lived in ardent expectation of the imminent coming in glory of the Lord Jesus.

Our faith today is being tempered by the daily, often dramatic, events of our history. Hope is a fragile light that sustains us and makes us feel the discreet and light presence of the Spirit of the Risen One in so many men and women, people who seek justice, peace and God. Charity, quietly undertaken with our eyes fixed on Jesus and on the needy, translates into gestures of care, support, listening and service.

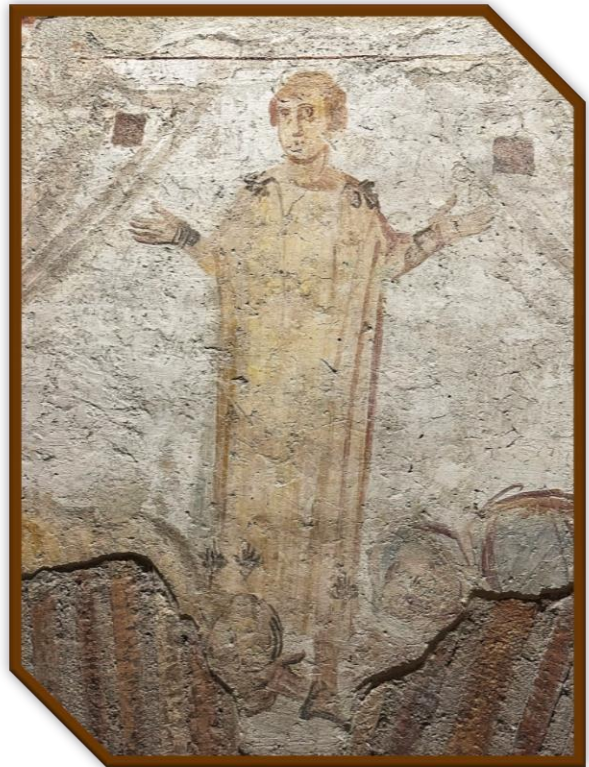
Let us ask the Lord Jesus that we may be men and women of hope, clinging to the promises of Jesus and counting on his Spirit, even if his presence is sometimes hidden or elusive. And may our prayer be that of praying unceasingly for the Risen One to come.

*Come, Lord Jesus, let your Word open our eyes and set our hearts on fire to seek and serve you in our brothers and sisters.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, be at our side and make us artisans of peace.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, help us wipe away the tears of the mothers of Gaza, of Palestine, of Haiti, of Cabo Delgado, of Ukraine and Russia.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, make us bread for those who today have nothing to eat.*



*Come, Lord Jesus, open our hearts and our homes that you may be our guest in migrants,  
in the homeless, in those looking for work, in young people without a future.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, open our ears to be moved by the cries of an abandoned and neglected land.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, purify our gaze so that we may recognise you in every man and woman,  
in their gestures of kindness,  
in their efforts to banish the seeds of violence that nest in our hearts.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, into our communities and let your presence shine there  
as we give and receive forgiveness, as we look at each other with kindness  
and as we support each other in our weaknesses and help each other to rise from our falls.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, come...*

Fraternally,

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