

*King of the peoples and cornerstone of the Church:
come, and save man you created from earth*

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Advent antiphon

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Today's antiphon leads us to consider two additional connotations, two additional and extremely important aspects of the mystery of Christmas, and of what Jesus is going to carry on when He comes on Earth.

King of the peoples and cornerstone: through His resurrection from the deaths, Jesus has become king the universe and cornerstone of the Church, that is to say the foundation, the load-bearing structure of the Church and the Church in its own essence.

Here is the invitation to turn our attention to this rock that is Jesus, on whom we have to found ourselves.

Come Jesus and save the man you have created from the earth: our human nature can be saved if it is founded on this cornerstone, which is Jesus.

In other words, to make it simpler, **the meaning of this antiphon is that we have to live our daily life united with the Lord.**

We are earth, we are dust, but we can be solidly anchored to the rock, which is Jesus.

We can anchor ourselves to Him if we live embracing His word.

Let us invoke the blessing of our Saviour, the King of the peoples, the cornerstone, so that He can come and free us from the caducity of the earth, from its contingency, its corruptibility, so that He can include us in His building, the Church, where there is life, the real life, the spiritual life, the supernatural life.

May the Lord be praised.