

6th December 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all **And also with you**

Call to worship

The day of the Lord brings grace and blessing. We come to this day with hearts prepared for praising. The day of the Lord brings judgment and pardon. We come to this day with souls set on praying. The day of the Lord brings wisdom and light. We come to this day with minds eager to listen for God's will. In our praising, praying, listening, and responding, we come to worship God.

Silence

(A time to prepare to worship the Lord)

Once in Royal David City

(Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895))

Youtube - ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY •6 Jan 2015



[mkariobangi](#)

Or Youtube Once in Royal David's City 2019 •27 Dec 2019



[Libera Official](#)

**Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:**

Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars
His children crowned,
All in white shall be around.



Advent / The Peace Candle

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. John 14:27-28

Silent night

(This is a most beautiful piece with a wee surprise..Enjoy)

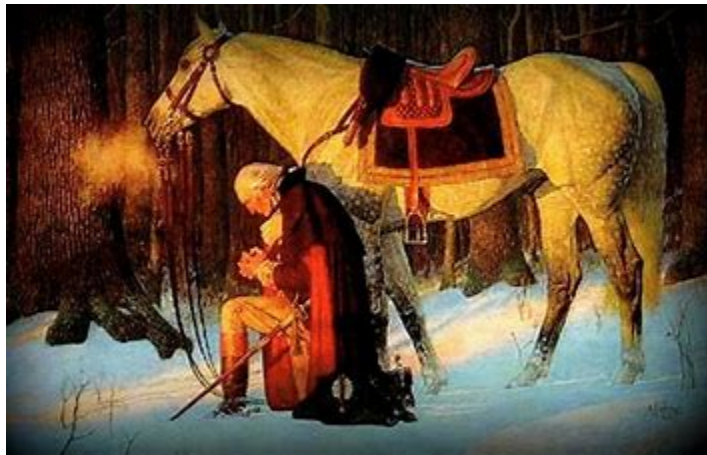
Youtube - Silent Night •30 Oct 2012



[André Rieu](#)

Silent night, holy night
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
 Holy infant so tender and mild
 Sleep in heavenly peace
 Sleep in heavenly peace

The **second candle** represents Peace and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David



Prayer/ Lord's prayer

O Lord, December time is upon us, a time of waiting, being patient, looking and pondering...a time for us all to reflect on all that you have done within our lives, and you have done much...how can we ever see it all, and be able to acknowledge all the goodness and love you shower upon us. For you are good and kind and can be found. How wonderful to know that you are within the world and near all who love you. For you created something of such beauty, as we survey the land, and look out to sea, as we look high above to the skies and see the stars sparkle at night. As the snow falls, it can make the darkness of earth look pure and clean...From wind to rain, sunshine to all seasons we are blessed to have such a variety, you bring peace to the world and in times of uncertainty we can receive comfort in our faith, that you walk alongside us....that we do not walk alone and whatever storms hit our lives, we shall be safe in you. Forgive our lack of commitment, our trust and at times love...guide our thoughts to be more like yours and help us to see the way more clearly...You are the Way and the Truth, the Prince of Peace for all...Lord as we prepare to worship you and reflect on your return speak to each of us as we say the prayer that crosses all divides and brings us closer to each other and you...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever Amen.



Psalm 29

A psalm of David.

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. ¹¹ The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya

Youtube- Kumbaya : The New London Chorale

•24 Nov 2014



[Luite Lubberts](#)

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbayah

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

Part two - Christian Aid - Prayer Chain

We hope that this Advent prayer chain will help you to create a decoration in time for Christmas and to cultivate a sense of waiting with hope as your journey towards Emmanuel, God with us!

We invite you to create a prayer chain by making one loop of the chain each day in Advent, taking a few moments every day to reflect and pray for what we are all waiting for - for God's vision for the world to be realised.

We've offered a prompt or question for each day of Advent and encourage you to write a prayer or draw a picture on each link of your prayer chain and connect it to the link from the previous day. By the end of Advent you will have a

Christmas decoration linking together all your hopes and prayers for God's world.

You will need: Some A4 pieces of paper A ruler and scissors to cut a 1.5cm strip each day Pens or pencils Glue stick or sticky tape Five minutes every day of Advent!

Advent waiting

Although Advent is traditionally a time of waiting, the busyness of modern life and preparing for all the trappings of Christmas means that this doesn't usually feel like the case. But 2020 has been far from a usual year. For many people, there has been a lot of waiting: waiting for news, waiting for jobs, waiting to hold loved ones close, waiting and watching for the new normal. Such waiting has been hard.



Sunday 6 December - Link 8: 'Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.' Isaiah 40:1. Write out or draw something to represent this verse on your prayer chain link. Pray with all who wait for comfort in their grief or longing this Advent and Christmas.

Monday 7 December - Link 9: Pray with all who are waiting for climate justice. The climate crisis is largely caused by rich greenhouse gas emitting countries, and yet poor countries with low emissions are already feeling the dire, difficult and devastating consequences.

Tuesday 8 December - Link 10: Pray with all who wait for a zero-carbon world, lament with them the role and practices of rich, developed countries in causing the climate crisis, including the extraction of fossil fuels and exploitation of natural resources.

Wednesday 9 December - Link 11: Pray with those who are waiting for the hungry to be filled with good things. Food shortages due to the coronavirus pandemic and climate change could lead to a doubling of the number of people facing acute hunger this year to more than a quarter of a billion.

Thursday 10 December - Link 12: Pray with those who are waiting for connection. Give thanks for how communities and churches have come together this year to look out for and after each other. Pray with anyone who is on the edge or the margins of such connection, particularly at Christmas time.

Friday 11 December - Link 13: Pray with those who are waiting for their basic human rights to be realised and protected on this UN Human Rights Day. Pray for all those whose rights have been made vulnerable because of coronavirus pandemic and the climate crisis.

Saturday 12 December - Link 14: Pray with all who wait and groan with creation (Romans 8:22-27). Pray that lessons learned across the world this year including our closer connections with nature will help us to tackle the challenges of the climate crisis. Part three will be next week.

Today is 6/12/ 2020



How many days until Christmas morning ?

19 days

and ticking !!!



Reflection

Christmas is a time to show us that what we want could possibly be right in front of us...! What are you looking for ?

Joke: At the end of their first date, a young man takes his date home. Emboldened by the night, he decides to try for that important first kiss. With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, he says to her, "Darling, how 'bout a goodnight kiss?"

Horrified, she replies, "Are you mad? My parents will see us!"

"Oh come on! Who's gonna see us at this hour?"

"No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?"

"Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!"

"No way. It's just too risky!"

"Oh please, please, I like you so much!!"

"No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can't!"

"Oh yes you can. Please?"

"NO, no. I just can't."

"Pleeeeeease?..."

Out of the blue, the porch light goes on, and the girl's sister shows up in her pyjamas, hair dishevelled. In a sleepy voice the sister says: "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down himself and do it. But for crying out loud tell him to take his hand off the intercom button!"

Looks like there was a household badly in need of peace. When I was at university, my neighbours could be quite noisy and there were times when I would shout out within myself... give me peace - how I would wish for quiet. Each Sunday we pray for peace, I light the peace candle. I began lighting a candle on a Sunday many years ago. I knew a mother whose son was in Afghanistan during the war, he was a marine. I promised her that I'd light a candle each Sunday in church until he returned. When he came home, and even after his second tour...I continued to have a candle flame flicker...at one of the services on leave he came and lit the Peace candle, saying thank you for this act of peace and remembrance.....As he lit the candle I told him a candle shall always be lit...for the flame to be guide to bring peace...Jesus says, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Christmas can be a magical time one where we all imagine that all will be right in the world...a time where family and friends will get together and celebrate, where conflicts and disagreements are put aside. When you watch a Christmas film there is usually always a happy ending where you receive a warm, happy feeling.

On a frozen Christmas Eve, 1914 the guns briefly fell silent. The war was only months old, but with more than a million already dead, the gung-ho spirit that animated the first volunteers had already been sapped away. The front lines were barely moving; in places, they were no more than 60 yards apart. The Christmas Truce as the words silent night rang out this has become the stuff of legend, portrayed in films, television ads, and songs. "On Christmas Eve, at noon, fire ceased completely on both fronts, the love for peace overcame a battle field.

Still the night

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht - Der größte Chor Österreichs sang Stille Nacht am Stadtplatz Steyr

•12 Dec 2018



[RTV Regionalfernsehen](#)

1 Still the night, holy the night!
 Sleeps the world; hid from sight,
 Mary and Joseph in stable bare
 watch o'er the child belovèd and fair,
 sleeping in heavenly rest,
 sleeping in heavenly rest.

2 Still the night, holy the night!
 Shepherds first saw the light,
 heard resounding clear and long,
 far and near, the angel-song,
 'Christ the Redeemer is here!'
 'Christ the Redeemer is here!'

3 Still the night, holy the night!
 Son of God, O how bright
 love is smiling from thy face!
 Strikes for us now the hour of grace,
 Saviour, since thou art born!
 Saviour, since thou art born!

Original German text:

1 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft; einsam wacht
 nur das traute heilige Paar.
 Holder Knab im lockigten Harr,
 Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
 Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

2 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
 Hirten erst kundgemacht!
 Durch der Engel Halleluja

tönet es laut von fern und nah:
 Christ der Retter ist da!
 Christ der Retter ist da!

3 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund
 da uns schlägt die rettende Stund,
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!

In a letter home, a British soldier named Ernest Morley writes that his men decided to give the Germans a gift on Christmas Eve: Three songs, then five rounds of rapid gunfire. They started with the carol, *While Shepherds Watched*.

"We finished that and paused, preparing to give them the second item on the program," writes Morley. "We heard answering strains arising from their lines. Then they started shouting across to us. Therefore, we stopped any hostile operations and commenced to shout back. One of them shouted, 'A merry Christmas, English! We are not shooting tonight!'"

Germans lit lanterns and put them up above the trench. Rifleman Morley writes that the British tried to outdo them. "Opposite me they had one lamp and nine candles in a row. And we had all the candles and lights we could muster, stuck up on our bayonets above the parapet."

The sun rose on Christmas Day, and all was calm. British Lt. M.S. Richardson writes a letter to his family, where he describes German soldiers cautiously emerging from the trenches: "The situation was so absurd, that another officer of ours and myself went out, and met seven of their officers." They exchange gifts in the area between the trenches called No Man's Land.

"One of them presented me with the packet of cigarettes, and we gave them a plum pudding, and then we shook hands and saluted each other."

While Muslim soldiers from Algeria on the British side, unaware of the peculiar rules that were taking hold, fired upon the German forces across from them. According to a story related by the German children's writer James Krüss, and apparently told to him by his uncle Otto, a pastry chef from Berlin called Alfred Kornitzke was particularly enraged by this breach of decorum. Kornitzke, or so the story goes, had been in the process of making marzipan balls for his

company when he had to take cover; his blood up, his baker's hat still on, he grabbed a fir tree and strode out into no-man's-land. With the Algerians too bemused to shoot, he set the tree down and lit the candles. "Now, you blockheads," he is said to have shouted, "now you know what's going on! Merry Christmas!"

Some of the soldiers use this day of peace to bury their dead. 2nd Lt. Wilber Spencer watched many of his men fall a week earlier. On Christmas Day, he had the strange sensation of shaking hands with some of the German soldiers who killed his friends. "They carried over our dead," he writes in a letter home. "I won't describe the sights I saw, and which I shall never forget. We buried the dead as they were." The earth is flat and bare, with a huge blank sky. A small white cross stick out of the ground.

Cpt. Eric Rowden, who wrote in his diary that day:

"I went out and found a German who spoke English a little, and we exchanged buttons and cigarettes. And I had two or three cigars given me, and we laughed and joked together, having forgotten war altogether."

One soldier wrote, first the Germans would sing one of their carols and then we would sing one of ours, until when we started up "O Come, All Ye Faithful" the Germans immediately joined in singing the same hymn to the Latin words, *Adeste fideles*. And I thought, well, this is really a most extraordinary thing - two nations both singing the same carol in the middle of a war."

Adeste Fideles

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Helene Fischer | *Adeste Fideles* (Live aus der Hofburg Wien)

•11 Dec 2015



[Helene Fischer \(Official\)](#)

*Adeste fideles
Laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem;
Natum videte,
Regem Angelorum.*

Venite adoremus,

Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Æterni Parentis,
Splendorem æternum,
Velatum sub carne videbimus,
Deum Infantem,
Pannis involutum.

Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum

English

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels.

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

The Splendour Immortal,
Son of Sire Eternal,
Concealed in mortal flesh our eyes shall see;
God is an Infant,
Swaddling clothes enfold Him.

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

The peace that reigned, rendered the battlefield suddenly alien from the miserable new home that had become so familiar. "From all sides birds seemed to arrive, and we hardly ever see a bird generally," Hulse wrote, "Later in the day I fed about 50 sparrows outside my dug-out, which shows how complete the silence and quiet was."

"This is the human side of people in a dehumanizing environment,"

Peace for our fellow human.

"Various orders were sent down straight after Christmas in 1914 and were heavily reinforced in December 1915 for this particular occurrence not to happen again," says Spencer.

Germans were warned that if they staged another truce, they would be shot. British soldiers were threatened with court martial. But many of the men who took part in the Christmas truce refused to fire on their opponents again.

If the Christmas truce carries an almost unbearable poignancy, the postscript is perhaps the saddest aspect of all. There were no more such truces: while a few isolated moments of peace descended in later years, the Great War would never again see the phenomenon on such a widespread basis. "

Everyone wants peace and Christ offers that! Psalm 29:11-The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace. Peace we want it! Peace we desire it! Many of us will do just about anything to have peace! But the truth of the matter is people are not at peace, not with themselves, their families or their neighbours.

There are a lot of things that people do to get ready for Christmas Day, special things that will help us all celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ - the first time he came into the world. The Bible tells us that he is going to come again to our world and that there are some special things we should do to get ready for his second coming - I believe one thing is to find peace within ourselves...As we go about our business, this advent, may we take time to look at our lives, and where there is no peace, may peace be found...May we find peace within ourselves, with loved ones and neighbours...may we find peace with the world. Let us pray to God and ask for the Prince of Peace to bring guidance.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen



A White Christmas

White Christmas - Hayley Westenra (ヘイリー 海莉) • 14 Oct 2009



[Hayley Westenra International](#)

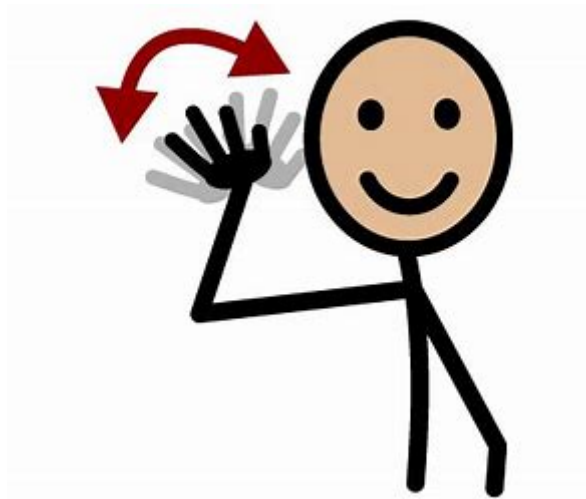
I Am Dreaming Of A White Christmas
 Just Like The Ones I Used To Know
 Where The Tree Tops Glisten
 And Children Listen
 To Hear Sleigh Bells In The Snow

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 With Every Christmas Card I Write
 May Your Days Be Merry And Bright
 And May All Your Christmases Be White

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The right hand of peace



Peace be with you my dear friends,
Please share in a peaceful wave to all you know love, and those you don't



Intercession Prayer



O God, it is the time to find peace, as we head towards celebrating the first time Jesus came to the world, we ask you to bring peace over your creation, for peace, true and utter peace is needed, deep within our hearts...for so many of us are restless and cannot settle...some are fearful and feel the pains of life, while some cannot find a route to follow and look upon life eagerly wanting...not sure what it is, never happy with each blessing they receive...O God it is time, time to prepare for what is to come...we gather to worship you...while so many cannot...we believe in the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, when we live in a world that has forgotten the story. Lord in a world of so many, there can be such differences...in a world where you'd think we'd all be friendly willing to help those in need, especially as we are joined together in fear of a virus...there are times when we live for ourselves, and in a world where so many people are rich, there is such poverty and hardship...Lord help us to be able to look more clearly and to see what is around us, to be able to notice that we live in a world that is so divided. We pray for those who live without the daily essentials so many take for granted clean water, food, a roof to sleep under, a bed to lie on, heating and clean clothes, having a job, as so many look towards redundancy...Lord we live in a world where people are sick, health is failing and some are terminal unwell...We pray for those who cannot look after themselves and are in need of a caring hand...we pray people who are in pain and suffer, while hiding the facts or not able to speak out. We pray for all who cannot say no and will go forth into their world which will bring continual darkness and misery, for those who cry themselves to sleep not wishing to wake up...to those who do not look upon tomorrow as a new wonderful day. In a world where many are preparing to celebrate your birth, there are so many who do not recognise this event and see the festive holidays not as a religions joyful occasion, help all who are struggling and yearn for a deep peace...help those who are searching and cannot find fulfilment. As we think about people who are not happy we pray for those are and content with their lives, who feel they do not need anything more to make their lives complete....Lord as we live in a divided world some happy , some not ..we turn to you for guidance , as we pray, we do so now in ...SILENCE...Lord,

thank you for each blessing we have received and help us to be more aware...guide us to forgive ourselves and others who have brought hurt. May the Prince of Peace fill our hearts where we can be joyful in his name, let the darkness be turned into light and love can over flow with those who we see as our enemies. Holy Lord, a voice has been heard in the wilderness preparing the way for your son to arrive in to this world. Prepare our hearts to receive your son and help us to prepare for his coming, the Prince of Peace, for all. Amen.

Tell out my soul

Tell out my soul (in full) •14 Apr 2010



[philipstopford](#)



Tell out my soul (in full), BBC Songs of Praise from St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

(The joy of Mary as she discovered she was going to give birth to Jesus)



Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
 Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
 tender to me the promise of his word;
 in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
 his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
 the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 to children's children and for evermore!

Benediction

Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of God.
 And may the Prince of Peace dwell within your hearts
 and bless you with the mercy that he died to give you.
 May his love and resurrection power fill you
 and make your lives new and whole
 And May his everlasting peace shine forth from you
 and bring blessings to all who are around you,
 This both now and forevermore. Amen

Joke time

The Woman of his dreams

A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met
 the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do?

His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card
 invite her to your place for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great strategy and arranged a date for a week later. His
 mother called the day after the big date to see how things had gone.

"The evening was a disaster," he moaned.

"Why, didn't she come over?" asked his mother.

"Oh, she came over, but she refused to cook."

True Love

If you love something, set it free.

If it comes back, it was, and always will be yours.

If it never returns, it was never yours to begin with.

If it just sits in your living room,

messes up your stuff,

eats your food,

uses your telephone,

takes your money,

and never behaves as if you actually set it free in the first place,

you either married it or gave birth to it!

Three One liner's

1/ I had a dream about the whole ocean was filled with orange soda - turns out it was a fanta sea

2/ Why did the silly girl 🙄 put sugar under her pillow? She wanted to have sweet dreams. 😊

3/ There once was a man from Peru who dreamed he was eating his shoe. He woke up at night, with a terrible fright, to find out his dream had come true.

Top 10 Christmas Carols

If you're looking at listening to some carols why not try this you-tube posting.

Songs of Praise top 10 Christmas Carols in the UK, Susan Boyle, Libera, Michael

Ball •23 Dec 2013

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Our Holy Family



Born to us all the Prince of Peace

Find Peace this Christmas



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 6th December 2020
Cawdor Church I/w Croy and Dalcross Church

Enter as a Guest leave as Friends

Joy to the world

Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all **And also with you**

Call to worship

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Silence

(A time to prepare to worship the Lord)

Once in Royal David city

1/ Once in royal David's city, Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2/ He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3/ And through all His wondrous childhood
 He would honor and obey, Love and watch the lowly mother
 In whose gentle arms He lay, Christian children all should be
 Mild, obedient, good as He

4/ For He is our child-hood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew
 He was little, weak, and helpless Tears and smiles like us He knew
 And He feeleth for our sadness, And He shareth in our gladness

5/ And our eyes at last shall see Him Through His own redeeming love;
 For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above
 And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone

6/ Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
 We shall see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
 When like stars His children crowned, All in white shall be around.



Advent/ Peace Candle

On the second Sunday in Advent
 the "Peace" candle is lit

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Silent night (Celtic woman)

Silent night, holy night
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
 Holy infant so tender and mild
 Sleep in heavenly peace
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The **second candle** represents Peace and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David

Prayer/ Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Psalm 29

A psalm of David.

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. ¹¹ The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Hurry the Lord is near

Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near. Alleluia, alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near.

Sound the trumpet, the Lord is near, hurry, the Lord is near; see, he comes to save us all, hurry, the Lord is near.

Reflection

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

Intercession Prayer

Tell out my soul

(The joy of Mary as she discovered she was going to give birth to Jesus)

1/ Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
 Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
 Tender to me the promise of his word;
 In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice

2/ Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
 His holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One

3/ Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
 The hungry fed, the humble lifted high

4/ Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 To children's children and for evermore

Benediction

In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of God.
 And may the Prince of Peace dwell within your hearts
 and make your lives new and whole
 And May His everlasting peace shine forth from you
 and bring blessings to all who are around you,
 both now and forevermore. Amen

Three- fold Amen

Unto us a son is born

Unto us a boy is born, King of all creation:
 Cradled in a stall was He, The Lord of every nation, The Lord of every nation.

