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{ advent & christmastide guide 2023 - 2024 }



“Those who believe God can never, in a way, be sure of Him again.
Once we have seen Him in a stable, we can never be sure where He will appear
or at what lengths He will go,
to what ludicrous depths of self-humiliation He will descend
in His wild pursuit of man.
If holiness and the awful power and majesty of God
were present in this least auspicious of all events,
this birth of a peasant’s child,
then there is no place or time so lowly or earthbound
but that holiness can be present there too.
And this means that we are never safe,
that there is no place that we can hide from God,
no place where we are all safe from His power to break in two
and re-create the human heart.
It is just where God seems most helpless that God is most strong.
It is just where we least expect Him that He comes to us fully.”

- Frederick Buechner



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Introduction

THE CHURCH YEAR

As another calendar year draws to a close, a new church year is just beginning. The church, or liturgical, year was developed during the first centuries of the early church as a tool to help the people of God remember and celebrate the full mystery of the Gospel. Each season of the liturgical year calls us to focus on different aspects of the Gospel, from Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, as well as his ascension, the day of Pentecost and his promised return. To that end, each season has its own colors, prayers, rituals and moods to aid in our remembrance and celebration. By marking the passage of time redemptively, the liturgical year reminds us that God has acted and continues to act in history, redeeming for himself his people. Taken altogether, we see that the liturgical year acts in concert with Scripture and our weekly and daily worship, amplifying the invitation to lose ourselves in the good news of Jesus so that we might truly find ourselves and live.

ADVENT

The four-week season of Advent starts the new church year, preparing the people of God for the celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany. Advent means "coming" and its mood is that of longing, expectation and waiting. The color purple is traditionally used because of its association with repentance, preparation and sacrifice. However, dark blue is often used and represents the growing hope felt in the season, as people wait under a dark that is beginning to dawn with the Light of the World.

Appropriately during this time, the church remembers Jesus' first coming and anticipates his coming again. This world is broken, and so we yearn for Jesus to come back as our King and to make all things new. The cry of Advent is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world under the curse of sin. It is the cry from those who still have hope of deliverance because they believe in a God who hears the cries of the oppressed and delivers them.

Of course, Scripture teaches us that we need redemption from our broken world because we broke it! Advent calls us to wait and prepare for Jesus' return by repenting and believing. We are to turn away from the false hopes and desires that twist our hearts and destroy our relationships. Instead, we are to turn toward Jesus, who frees us so that we may serve one another in grace and truth. Just as John the Baptist was born to prepare the way for Jesus' first coming, so we are given to each other in the community of the church to encourage each other and challenge the world around us to prepare for his coming again.

So, what do we exactly do during Advent? We wait and prepare by re-committing ourselves to the Christian practices: weekly worship, daily prayer, gathering with brothers and sisters in Christ for mutual encouragement, hospitality and sacrificial giving, and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. We re-commit to experiencing God anew and to praying with new hope the final prayer of the Bible: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20)

CHRISTMAS

At Christmas, we remember the birth of Jesus. Derived from “Christ Mass,” Christmas is a feast of fulfillment and future fulfillment. The mood is that of celebration. The colors white and gold are used because of its association with the glory, royalty, joy, holiness and light of God.

With all of our past, present and future waiting answered in Jesus, we continue the song sung by the chorus of angels present at Jesus’ birth: “Glory to God in the highest!” (Luke 2:14). And it’s not a one-day affair. It’s actually a 12-day celebration beginning at sunset on Christmas Eve! How could it not be a multi-day, extravagant and joyous feast when the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, Creator and Redeemer has come to make the world and us new and is coming again?

So what do we do during Christmas? We rejoice, celebrate and give gifts. In some traditions, gift giving occurs on each of the 12-days of Christmas. Regardless of your gift giving practice, it is one that emulates and points to God’s great sacrificial generosity towards us. Thus, celebrating Christmas is an exercise in humility and care of others. As Paul says, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit...In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness” (Philippians 2).

So while we celebrate, we also look for ways to be united with Jesus in his humiliation so that others in our lives can know the joy of the Incarnation, God with us. In other words, we continue to cultivate the Christian practices to be shaped into the people of God.

THE ADVENT WREATH & PRAYER GUIDE

Many celebrations of Advent include the use of an Advent wreath. The Advent wreath is a relatively new tradition (19th century), but an increasingly popular one. The wreath consists of evergreen boughs encircling five candles. Four candles represent each week of Advent and the fifth represents Christmas. One candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent. Two are lit on the second Sunday, and so on. All four candles and the remaining fifth candle are lit either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

It's worth noting that in some traditions, the candles also represent different themes of the seasons:

THE FIRST CANDLE / dark blue / Hope. Throughout the Old Testament, God tells his people that He will fulfill his promise to conquer sin and all its effects by sending a Savior.

THE SECOND CANDLE / dark blue / Peace. One of Jesus' many titles is the Prince of Peace. He is the means for reconciliation between the Righteous God and His unrighteous people. He is also the means of peace between people, within families, across cultures, generations, classes, and nations.

THE THIRD CANDLE / pink / dark blue / Joy. It is through Jesus Christ that we participate in eternal, abundant life. One of the fruits of His Spirit dwelling in us is joy. How could it be otherwise since nothing can separate us from the love of God through the Savior? A pink candle is sometimes used to help us mark the midpoint of Advent.

THE FOURTH CANDLE / dark blue / Love. God's love is shown by this—while we were yet sinners, His Son Jesus died for us. And now we have been redeemed and adopted into His family as His children. Experiencing God's love for us, we are now made free to love others.

THE FIFTH & CENTER CANDLE / white / Jesus Christ, the light of the World. In Him we find truth and purpose. He not only died to purchase us as a people for His own possession, He rose from the dead as the pledge that we also shall be raised to a new and everlasting life.

We recommend using the wreath because it offers a visual way to mark our Advent waiting and the fulfillment of our expectations in Jesus Christ. Lighting the candles also offers a moment in our busy days, whether we are alone or with others, to pause and to reflect on our longings and to offer them to the one who created us, knows us and comes to us.

This daily guide offers daily prayers, readings and hymns for Advent and Christmas. Many of the prayers and scripture readings reflect the Advent theme of the week. We believe this guide, along with the wreath, will help you as individuals, roommates, groups, and families to enter into the story of the gospel in new and deeper ways. Our goal is not to load you down with more tasks in an already busy life, but rather to provide you with tools to help you experience God's goodness more fully this season and beyond.

"O" ANTIPHONS

The antiphons are a monastic tradition that dates back to the 6th century to help the church anticipate the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Starting in the evening of December 17th, for the seven days prior to Christmas Eve, one of the antiphons is recited or sung. Each antiphon begins with "O" and is followed by a messianic title referencing a prophecy from Isaiah.

December 17 - O Wisdom (O Sapientia)

December 18 - O Lord (O Adonia)

December 19 - O Root of Jesse (O Radix Jesse)

December 20 - O Key of David (O Calvis David)

December 21 - O Dayspring (O Oriens)

December 22 - O King of the Nations (O Rex Gentium)

December 23 - O With Us is God (O Emmanuel)

In Latin, the first letters of each word form a backwards acrostic: ERO CRAS. This means "I shall be there tomorrow." A timely theme for the season of Advent.

From the 8th century onward Christians have put these words to song. In the 1861 the famous Advent hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel was published and an additional two verses were added in 1916.

Starting on December 17th, the readings correspond with the antiphons. Read the referenced prophecy from Isaiah, meditate on the coming of Christ, and then sing O Come, O Come Emmanuel (in the Appendix).

AN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR FAMILIES

Advent and Christmas is an excellent time of the year to create family traditions and cultivate a culture of worship with your children. Family worship can be wonderfully informal. Try observing family worship thirty minutes before bedtime – teeth are brushed, pajamas are on. And depending on circumstances, attentiveness of the children, etc. plan on anywhere from 10-20 minutes.

Perhaps you might:

- Light the Advent candle saying, "Jesus is the light of the world."
- Sing favorite Advent and Christmas songs.
- Read and discuss the Scripture lesson.
- Read and discuss the Jesus Storybook Bible (Daily Reading Plan in Appendix)
- Pray together.
- Sing more songs.

Portions of this guide have been adapted from materials from our friends at Christ Church Berkley (CA), Trinity Presbyterian Church (VA), and Resurrection Presbyterian Church (NY).

Morning Word and Prayer Week One

December 3 - 9, 2023

CALLING

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

Our King and Savior now draws near:

O Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!

CONSTITUTION

Read/Listen, Meditate, Pray, and Contemplate on God's Word, remembering that God is with you and ready to speak to you because he loves you.

Listen now to the following passages by scanning the QR code



Monday: Mark 10 - 16:8

Tuesday: Hebrews 1 - 3:6 / Psalm 45

Wednesday: Hebrews 3:7 - 4:13 / Psalm 95

Thursday: Hebrews 4:14 - 7:28

Friday: Hebrews 8 - 10

Saturday: Hebrews 11 - 13

COMMUNION

Pray for yourself, others, our church, our neighbors, and the world.

Pray the Lord's Prayer & the collect of the week

Our Father who art in heaven...

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

COMMISSION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *Amen.* (Romans 15:13)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

Evening Word and Prayer Week One

December 3 - 9, 2023

CLEANSING

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

(Pause for a time of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you...The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zephaniah 3:15, 17)

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Why do we light the Advent candle?

To remember this truth: Jesus is the Light of the World and our hope. We who follow Him do not walk in darkness but have the Light of Life. In him the nations will put their hope.

Song for the Evening *(see Appendix)*

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

(May pick any favorite Advent song. See the Appendix for music selections.)

CONSTITUTION

See Morning Word & Prayer for today's scripture readings and audio QR code.

Daily Readings in the Jesus Storybook Bible for Families (see Appendix)

COMMUNION

Quiet your body and mind, be attuned to your breathing and review (read) your day.

Mediate on your highs and lows.

Pray to God...Prayers of thanksgiving and prayers petition, for yourself, others, our church, our neighbors, and the world.

Contemplate on God's nearness and rest in Christ.

Pray the General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen

Morning Word and Prayer Week Two

December 10 - 16, 2023

CALLING

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and
will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!**

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O Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!

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God's Word, remembering that God is with you and
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Monday: James 1 - 5

Tuesday: 1 Peter 1 - 3:7

Wednesday: 1 Peter 3:8 - 5:14

Thursday: 2 Peter 1 - 3 / Psalm 36

Friday: John 1 - 4

Saturday: John 5 - 9

COMMUNION

*Pray for yourself, others, our church, our neighbors,
and the world.*

Pray the Lord's Prayer & the collect of the week

Our Father who art in heaven...

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the
prophets to preach repentance and prepare the
way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their
warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet
with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMISSION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you
may abound in hope. *Amen.* (Romans 15:13)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our
neighbors.

Evening Word and Prayer Week Two

December 10 - 16, 2023

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Confession of Sin

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(Pause for a time of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you...The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zephaniah 3:15, 17)

Lighting of the First and Second Advent Candles

Why do we light the Advent candles?

To remember this truth: Jesus is the Light of the World and the Prince of Peace. He is the means for reconciliation between the Righteous God and His unrighteous people. He is also the means of peace between people, within families, across cultures, generations, classes, and nations.

Song for the Evening *(see Appendix)*

O Come All Ye Faithful

(May pick any favorite Advent song. See the Appendix for music selections.)

CONSTITUTION

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Pray the General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen

Morning Word and Prayer Week Three

December 17 - 23, 2023

CALLING

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now
and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!**

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*Between December 17th - 23rd, the Isaiah readings
correspond with the anitphones. See page 5.*

Sunday: Isaiah 11:2 - 3

Monday: John 10 - 12 / Psalm 23 / Isaiah 11:3 - 5

Tuesday: John 13 - 17 / Isaiah 11:1, 10

Wednesday: John 18 - 21 / Isaiah 9:6-7

Thursday: 1 John 1 - 5 / Isaiah 9:1-2

Friday: 2 John / 3 John / Jude / Isaiah 28:16-17

Saturday: Revelation 1 - 3 / Psalm 47 / Isaiah 7:14

COMMUNION

*Pray for yourself, others, our church, our neighbors,
and the world.*

Pray the Lord's Prayer & the collect of the week

Our Father who art in heaven...

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might
come among us; and, because we are sorely
hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and
mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy
Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMISSION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you
may abound in hope. *Amen.* (Romans 15:13)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our
neighbors.

Evening Word and Prayer Week Three

December 17 - 23, 2023

CLEANSING

Confession of Sin

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(Pause for a time of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you...The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zephaniah 3:15, 17)

Lighting of the First, Second and Third Advent Candles

Why do we light the Advent candles?

To remember this truth: Jesus is the Light of the World and the source of all joy. In him is life and his life is the light of all people. If we receive his light, our joy is made complete.

Song for the Evening (see Appendix)

O Come O Come Emmanuel

(May pick any favorite Advent song. See the Appendix for music selections.)

CONSTITUTION

See Morning Word & Prayer for today's scripture readings and audio QR code.

Daily Readings in the Jesus Storybook Bible for Families (see Appendix)

COMMUNION

Quiet your body and mind, be attuned to your breathing and review (read) your day.

Mediate on your highs and lows.

Pray to God...Prayers of thanksgiving and prayers petition, for yourself, others, our church, our neighbors, and the world.

Contemplate on God's nearness and rest in Christ.

Pray the General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen

Morning Word and Prayer Week Four

December 24, 2023

CALLING

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and
will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Our King and Savior now draws near:
O Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!

CONSTITUTION

*Read/Listen, Meditate, Pray, and Contemplate on
God's Word, remembering that God is with you and
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Sunday: Isaiah 59:15-21 / Matthew 1:18-25

COMMUNION

*Pray for yourself, others, our church, our neighbors,
and the world.*

Pray the Lord's Prayer & the collect of the week

Our Father who art in heaven...

**Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your
daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his
coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for
himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMISSION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you
may abound in hope. *Amen.* (Romans 15:13)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our
neighbors.

Evening Word and Prayer Week Four

December 24, 2023

CLEANSING

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

(Pause for a time of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you...The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zephaniah 3:15, 17)

Lighting of all Four Advent Candles

Why do we light the Advent candles?

To remember this truth: Jesus is the Light of the World and the full revelation of God's unfailing love. God's love is shown by this—while we were yet sinners, His Son Jesus died for us.

Song for the Evening *(see Appendix)*

Joy to the World
(May pick any favorite Advent song. See the Appendix for music selections.)

CONSTITUTION

See Morning Word & Prayer for today's scripture readings and audio.

Daily Readings in the *Jesus Storybook Bible* for Families (see Appendix)

COMMUNION

Quiet your body and mind, be attuned to your breathing and review (read) your day.

Mediate on your highs and lows.

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen

Morning Word & Prayer for Christmastide Days 1 - 7

December 25 - 30, 2023

CALLING

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now
and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born:

O Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!

CONSTITUTION

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God's Word, remembering that God is with you and
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Monday: Revelation 4 - 7

Tuesday: Revelation 8 - 11

Wednesday: Revelation 12 - 14

Thursday: Revelation 15 - 16 / Psalm 68

Friday: Revelation 17 - 19 / Psalm 24

Saturday: Revelation 20 - 22 / Psalm 150

COMMUNION

*Pray for yourself, others, our church, our neighbors,
and the world.*

Pray the Lord's Prayer & the collect of the week

Our Father who art in heaven...

**O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of
the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that
we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may
with sure confidence behold him when he comes
to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMISSION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love
of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our
neighbors.

Evening Word & Prayer for Christmastide Days 1 - 7

December 25 - 30, 2023

CLEANSING

Confession of Sin

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

(Pause for a time of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)

Lighting of All Advent Candles and The Christmas Candle

Why do we light the Christmas Candle?

With joy we remember Christ's coming and with joy we look forward to his coming again when night will be no more and lamp and sun will no longer be needed because he will be our light forever and ever.

Song for the Evening *(see Appendix)*

The Twelve Days of Christmas
(May pick any favorite Christmas song. See the Appendix for music selections.)

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Contemplate on God's nearness and rest in Christ.

Pray the General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen

Morning Word & Prayer for Christmastide Days 8-12

December 31, 2023 - January 5, 2024

CALLING

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now
and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born:

O Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!

CONSTITUTION

*Read, Meditate, Pray, and Contemplate on God's
Word, remembering that God is with you and ready to
speak to you because he loves you.*

*(On January 1 we start our new 2024-2025 Bible reading
plan. We are following the M'Cheyne Bible two-year plan
plus a 60-day cycle of praying the Psalms)*

Monday: Genesis 1 / Matthew 1 / Psalms 1-3

Tuesday: Genesis 2 / Mathew 2 / Psalms 4-6

Wednesday: Genesis 3 / Mathew 3 / Psalms 7-9

Thursday: Genesis 4 / Mathew 4 / Psalms 10 - 12

Friday: Genesis 5 / Mathew 5 / Psalm 13-15

COMMUNION

*Pray for yourself, others, our church, our neighbors,
and the world.*

Pray the Lord's Prayer & the collect of the week

Our Father who art in heaven...

**Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new
light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light,
enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our
lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMISSION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love
of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our
neighbors.

Evening Word & Prayer for Christmastide Days 8-12

December 31, 2023 - January 5, 2024

CLEANSING

Confession of Sin

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

(Pause for a time of silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)

Lighting of All Advent Candles and The Christmas Candle

Why do we light the Christmas Candle?

With joy we remember Christ's coming and with joy we look forward to his coming again when night will be no more and lamp and sun will no longer be needed because he will be our light forever and ever.

Song for the Evening (see Appendix)

The Twelve Days of Christmas
(May pick any favorite Christmas song. See the Appendix for music selections.)

CONSTITUTION

See Morning Word & Prayer for today's scripture readings.

COMMUNION

Quiet your body and mind, be attuned to your breathing and review (read) your day.

Mediate on your highs and lows.

Pray to God...Prayers of thanksgiving and prayers petition, for yourself, others, our church, our neighbors, and the world.

Contemplate on God's nearness and rest in Christ.

Pray the General Thanksgiving

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Appendix of Daily Stories for Families

The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones

There are 21 Old Testament stories in The Jesus Storybook Bible. If you begin on December 2 reading one story every night you will end with the story of Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve. This is a great way to include younger children in Daily Worship and to tie together the Old Testament stories with Jesus' birth.

December 2 "The Story and The Song"

December 3 "The Beginning: A Perfect Home"

December 4 "The Terrible Lie"

December 5 "A New Beginning"

December 6 "A Giant Staircase to Heaven"

December 7 "Son of Laughter"

December 8 "The Present"

December 9 "The Girl No One Wanted"

December 10 "The Forgiving Prince"

December 11 "God To The Rescue!"

December 12 "God Makes A Way"

December 13 "Ten Ways To Be Perfect"

December 14 "The Warrior Leader"

December 15 "The Teeny, Weenie...True King"

December 16 "The Young Hero and The Horrible Giant"

December 17 "The Good Shepherd"

December 18 "A Little Servant Girl and the Proud General"

December 19 "Operation: No More Tears"

December 20 "Daniel and the Scary Sleepover"

December 21 "God's Messenger"

December 22 "Get Ready!"

December 23 "He's Here!"

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Angels We Have Heard On High

Translated by
James Chadwick

Traditional French carol arranged by
Edward Shippen Barnes

♩ = 100

VERSE

F Am Gm C F



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see, Christ whose birth the
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of

4 C F F Am B♭/D C/E F



o'er the plains; And the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their
strains pro - long? What the glad - some ti - dings be; Which in - spire your
an - gels sing; Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee, Christ, the Lord, the
an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in

CHORUS

8 C F F Dm Gm⁷ C Fmaj⁷ B♭



joy - ous strains. Glo - - - -
heav'n - ly song?
new - born King.
love we raise.

12 C F B♭ 1. F/C C 2. F/C C F



- ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o; De - o.

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Words by Robert Robinson
Music by Ashael Nettleton

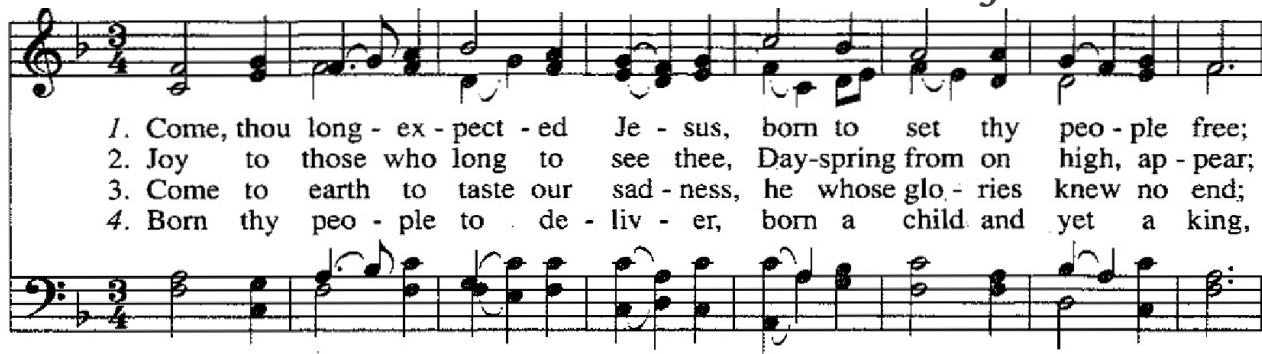
1. Come thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing Tune my heart to Thy sing thy grace Streams of
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer, Hi - ther by Thy help I'm come And I
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dail - y I'm con - strained to be Let that

mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing Call for songs of loud - est praise Teach me
hope by Thy good plea - sure Safe - ly to ar - rive at home Je - sus
grace now like a fet - ter Bind my wand - ering heart to Thee Prone to

some mel - o - dious son - net Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
sought me when a strang - er, Wan - dering from the fold of I God love Here to
wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the the God love Here's to my

mount, I'm fixed up - on it Mount of God's un - chang - ing love
res - cue me from dang - er In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood
heart, O take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts a - bove


COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Traditional English 18th Century Carol

(Simplified chords)

♩ = 120

VERSE

Em B Em C B



1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may; Re -
 2. In Beth - le - hem, in Jew - ry, this bles - sed Babe was born, and
 3. From God, our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bles - sed an - gel came, and
 4. "Fear not," then said the an - gel; "Let noth - ing you af - fright, this
 5. The shep - herds at those tid - ings, re - joic - ed much in mind, and
 6. And when they came to Beth - le - hem where our dear Sav - iour lay, they
 7. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place. And

5 Em B Em C B E



-mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour was born on Christ - mas Day; To
 laid with - in a man - ger, up - on this bles - sed morn; The
 un - to cer - tain shep - herds, brought tid - ings of the same, how
 day is born a Sav - iour of a pure vir - gin bright, to
 left their flocks a - feed - ing in temp - est, storm and wind. And
 found Him in a man - ger where ox - en feed on hay. His
 with true love and broth - er - hood each oth - er now em - brace. This

9 Am D G/B B Em A D



save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray: O ____
 which His moth - er Mar - y did noth - ing take in scorn:
 that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name:
 free all those who trust in Him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might:"
 went to Beth - le - hem straight - way the bless - ed Babe to find.
 moth - er, Ma - ry, kneel - ing down un - to the Lord did pray.
 ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de - face.

CHORUS

13 G B Em A



ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

16 D D/C G/B C G B Em Fine



joy, O ____ ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Words by
John W. Work, Jr.

Music
Traditional African-American Spiritual

CHORUS

F B \flat /F F Dm⁷ Gm B \flat /C C⁷ F B \flat /F F B \flat /F



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ _ is born. Fine

VERSE



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo a - bove the earth, rang
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and



-hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light. ____
out the an - gel chor - us that hailed the Sav - ior's birth. ____
God sent us sal - va - tion that bles - sed Christ - mas morn. ____

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Words by
Charles Wesley

Music by
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

VERSE

F C F/A F F/C C F/A B₁



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — “Glo - ry to — the
2. Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored; — Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail, the heav’n - born Prince of Peace! — Hail, the Sun — of
4. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come! — Fix in us — Thy

4 F/C C F C Dm F/C G⁷/B Am G/B C



new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild; ____ God and sin - ners
-last - ing Lord: Late in time be - hold Him come, ____ off - spring of ____ the
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all He brings, ____ ris'n with heal - ing
hum - ble home: Rise, the wom - an's con - qu'ring seed, ____ bruise in us ____ the

8	Fmaj ⁷	G	C	N.C.	C/E	F	F/C	C	N.C.
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rec - on - ciled.” Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph
Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see, — hail th'in - car - nate
in His wings: Mild He lays His glo - ry by, — born that man no
ser - pent's head; Ad - am's like - ness now ef - face, — stamp Thine im - age

12 C/E F F/C C B \flat D Gm C/B \flat F/A



of	the	skies; _	With	th'an - gel - ic	hosts	pro - claim,	"Christ	is ____	born ____	in
De - i - ty!	____	Pleased	as	man	with	men	to dwell,	Je - sus, _	our ____	Em -
more	may	die; ____	Born	to raise	the	sons	of earth;	Born	to ____	give ____ them
in	its	place: _	Sec - ond	Ad - am	from	a - bove,	re - in -	state ____	us	

16 F/C C F B \flat F/A Gm D Gm



Beth	-	le	-	hem."	Hark!	the	her	-	ald	an	-	gels	sing,
-man	-	u	-	el.	Hark!	the	her	-	ald	an	-	gels	sing,
sec	-	ond		birth.	Hark!	the	her	-	ald	an	-	gels	sing,
in		Thy		love.	Hark!	the	her	-	ald	an	-	gels	sing,

19 C/B \flat F/A F F/C C 7 F



“Glo - ry _____ to _____ the new - born King.”

Joy To The World

Words by
Isaac Watts

Music by
George Frederic Handel

VERSE

D G D/A A⁷ D G A D



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King; Let
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy; While
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground; He
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the

8



ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room. And heav'n and na - ture
fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re - peat the sound - ing
comes to make His bless - ings flow far as the curse is
glo - ries of His right - eous - ness. And won - ders of His

13

A A⁷



sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing. And
joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy. Re -
found, far as the curse is found. Far
love, and won - ders of His love. And

16

D G D/A A⁷ D



heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
-peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
as, far as, the curse is found.
won - ders, won - ders of His love.

(for simplified chords and harmonies, see CCLI song #31054 by CCLI)

Music by
John Francis Wade
Arranged by
William Henry Monk

♩ = 96

VERSE

G Am/G D/F# G D/F# G C G/D D Em

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
2. God of _____ God, _____ light _____ of _____ light, _____
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

5 A⁷/E D A D G/B D/F# G D/A A⁷ D G/B Am G

come ye, O come _____ ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be -
lo, He ab - hors _____ not the vir - gin's womb; Ver - y _____
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n _____ a - bove; Glo - ry to
Je - sus, to Thee _____ be (all) glo - ry giv'n; Word of the

CHORUS

10 Am⁷ Am⁶ G D/F# G Em Am/C D G D/G G G^{2sus} G

-hold Him, born the King of an - gels; come, let us a - dore Him, O
God, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed:
God _____ in _____ the _____ high - est:
Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

15 D/G G G^{2sus} G D G D⁷/A G D/F# A⁷/E

come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -

18 D D/C G/B C G/D D G

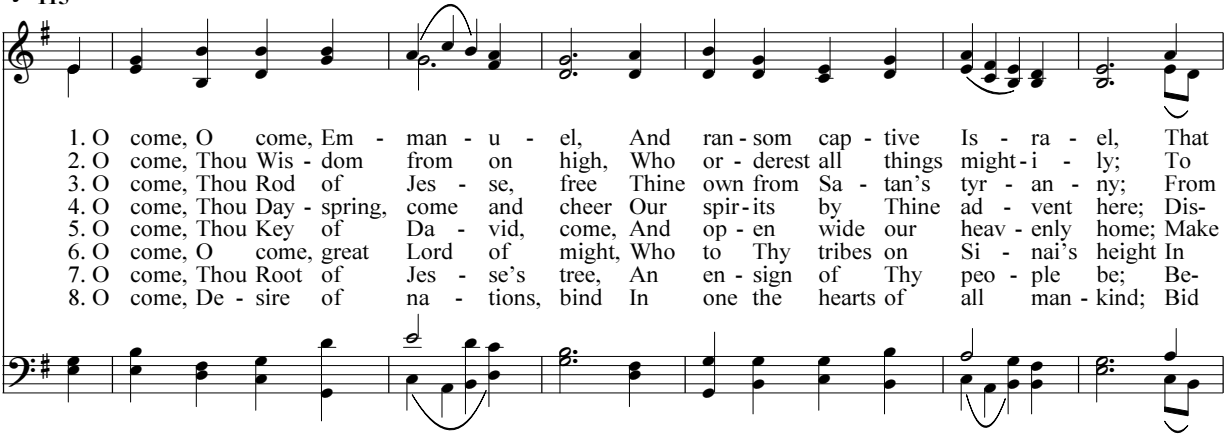
-dore Him, _____ Christ _____ the Lord!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

12th Century Latin, tr. John Mason Neale

15th Century French melody, arr Thomas Helmore

♩=115



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - derest all things might - i - ly; To
 3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; From
 4. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine ad - vent here; Dis -
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And op - en wide our heav - enly home; Make
 6. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Si - nai's height In
 7. O come, Thou Root of Jes - se's tree, An en - sign of Thy peo - ple be; Be -
 8. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the hearts of all man - kind; Bid

Refrain



mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 us the path of know - ledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And give them vic - tory over the grave.
 - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark sha - dows put to flight.
 safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y. Re -
 an - cient times once gave the law In cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe.
 - fore Thee rul - ers si - lent fall; All peo - ples on Thy mer - cy call.
 Thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.



- joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



O Holy Night

Words by
Placide Cappeau
Translated by
John Sullivan Dwight

Music by
Adolphe Charles Adam

♩ = 90

VERSE

C

F

C



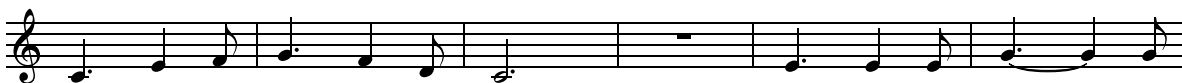
1. O ho - ly night! — the stars are bright - ly shin - ing, it is the
2. Led by the light — of faith se - rene - ly beam - ing, with glow - ing
3. Tru - ly He taught us to love — one an - oth - er; His law is

6

C/G

G

C



night of the dear Sav - ior's birth; Long lay the world — in
hearts by His cra - dle we stand; So led by light of a
love and His gos - pel is peace; Chains shall He break, for the

12

F

C

C⁷

Em/B

B⁷

Em



sin and er - ror pin - ing, till He ap - peared and the soul felt its worth.
star — sweet - ly gleam - ing, here came the wise men from O - ri - ent land.
slave — is our broth - er, and in His name all op - pres - sion shall cease.

18

G⁷/D

G⁷

C

G⁷/D



A thrill of hope, the wea - ry world re - joic - es, for yon - der
The King of kings lay thus in low - ly man - ger, in all our
Sweet hymns of joy in grate - ful cho - rus raise we, let all with -

CHORUS

24

G⁷

C

Am

Em



breaks a new and glo - rious morn;
tri - als born to be our Friend;
-in us praise His ho - ly name;
Fall — on your knees, —
He — knows our need, —
Christ — is the Lord, —

30

Dm

Am

C/G

G/F



— O, hear _____ the an - gel voic - es! O night _____ di -
 — to weak - ness is no stran - ger. Be - hold _____ your
 — O, praise _____ His name for - ev - er! His pow'r _____ and

37

C/E

F

C/G

G⁷

C

C/E

G



-vine, _____ O _____ night _____ when Christ was born! O night, _____
 King, _____ be - fore _____ Him low - ly bend! Be - hold _____
 glo - ry _____ ev - er - more pro - claim! His pow'r _____

44

G/F

C/E

F

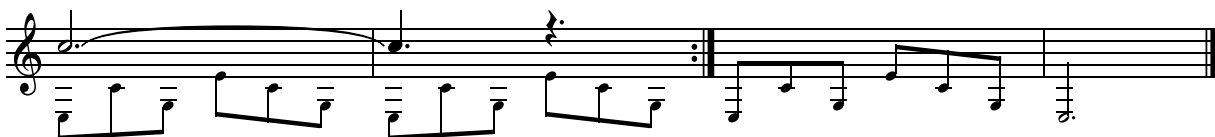
C/G

G⁷

— O ho - ly night, _____ O night di -
 — your King, _____ be - fore _____ Him low - ly
 — and glo - ry, ev - er - more pro -

49

C



-vine! _____
 bend! _____
 -claim. _____

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Arrangement
by Kyle Coughlin

in the key of F

traditional English carol

1 F C⁷ F F B^b F C⁷ F 2

On the first day of Christ-mas my true love gave to me a par-tridge in a pear tree. On the

5 F C⁷ F C F B^b F C⁷

sec-ond day of Christ-mas my true love gave to me two tur-tle doves and a par-tridge in a pear

9 F 3 F C⁷ F C

tree. On the third day of Christ-mas my true love gave to me three French hens,

13 C F B^b F C⁷ F 4 F

two tur-tle doves, and a par - tridge in a pear tree. On the fourth day of Christ-mas my

17 C⁷ F C C C

true love gave to me four call-ing birds, three French hens, two tur-tle doves, and a

21 F B^b F C⁷ F 5 F C⁷ F

par - tridge in a pear tree. On the fifth day of Christ-mas my true love gave to me

The Twelve Days of Christmas

25 F G⁷ C⁷ F B^b

five gold rings, four call-ing birds, three French hens,

29 C F B^b F C⁷ F

two tur - tle doves, and a par - tridge in a pear tree.

32 **6 - 12** F C⁷ F

On the sixth day of Christ - mas my true love gave to me:
 On the seventh
 On the eighth
 On the ninth
 On the tenth
 On the 'leventh
 On the twelfth

35 C F G⁷ C⁷

six geese a - lay - ing, five gold rings,
 sev - en swans a - swim - ing,
 eight maids a - milk - ing,
 nine la - dies danc - ing,
 ten lords a - leap - ing,
 'le - ven pi - pers pip - ing,
 twelve drum-mers drum-ming,

38 F B^b C F B^b F C⁷ F

four call-ing birds, three French hens, two tur-tle doves, and a par-tridge in a pear tree.

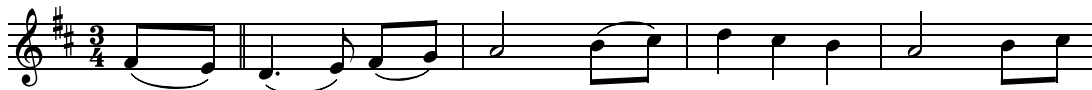
The First Noel

Words and Music
Traditional English Carol

♩ = 80

VERSE

A⁷ D Bm A^{sus} A D/F# G D G



1. The ___ first ___ No - el the ___ an - gel did say was to
2. They ___ look - ed ___ up and ___ saw ___ a star shin - ing
3. And ___ by ___ the ___ light of ___ that ___ same star three _
4. This ___ star ___ drew ___ nigh to ___ the ___ north - west, o'er ___
5. Then ___ en - tered ___ in those ___ wise ___ men three, full ___

5 D/F# A⁷/E D/F# G D/F# D/A A⁷ D A⁷ D Bm



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in ___ fields ___ where _
in ___ the east, ___ be - yond ___ them far; and ___ to ___ the ___
wise ___ men came ___ from coun - try far; to ___ seek ___ for a
Beth - le - hem ___ it took ___ its rest; and ___ there ___ it ___
rev - 'rent - ly ___ up - on ___ the knee, and ___ of - fered ___

10 A^{sus} A D/F# G D G D/F# A⁷/E D/F# G



they lay ___ keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night ___ that
earth it ___ gave ___ great light, and ___ so it con - tin - ued both
king was ___ their ___ in - tent, and to fol - low the star ___ wher -
did both ___ stop ___ and stay, right ___ o - ver the place ___ where
there, in ___ His ___ pres - ence, their ___ gold ___ and myrrh ___ and

CHORUS

15 D/F# D/A A⁷ D A⁷ D Bm F#m D G



was ___ so deep. No - el, ___ No - el, No - el, No -
day ___ and night.
-ev - er it went.
Je - sus lay.
frank - in - cense.

20 D A/C# Bm G D A⁷/E D/F# D/A A⁷ D



-el, ___ born is the King ___ of Is - ra - el.

We Three Kings Of Orient Are

Words and Music by
John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

♩ = 132 VERSE

Em

B⁷

Em

B⁷

Em



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far
2. Born a King on Beth - le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and sac - ri - fice;

5

D

G

Am

Em/B B⁷

Em

D

D⁷



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star. O _____
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, wor - ship Him, God on high.
 Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Peals thru the earth and skies.

CHORUS

10

G

C

G

C

G



star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

14

Em

D

C

D

G

C

G



West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

What Child Is This

Words by
William Chatterton Dix

Music
Traditional English Folk Melody
"Greensleeves"

VERSE

Em D/F# G

D

Em

Am/C



1. What Child is this, — who laid to rest, — on Mar - y's lap — is
2. Why lies He in — such mean es - tate — where ox and ass — are
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh; — Come, peas - ant, king, — to

4

B

Em D/F# G

D

Em

Am B



sheep - ing? Whom an - gels greet — with an - thems sweet, — while shep - herds watch — are
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear — for sin - ners here, — the si - lent Word — is
own — Him. The King of kings — sal - va - tion brings; — Let lov - ing hearts — en -

8

E^{sus}

Em

Bm

G

D

Em

Am/C



keep - ing? This, this — is Christ the King, — whom shep - herds guard — and
plead - ing. Nails, spear — shall pierce Him through, — the cross be borne — for
— throne Him. Raise, raise — the song on high; — The Vir - gin sings — her

12

B

Bm

G

D

Em

Am B

E^{sus}

Em



an - gels sing. Haste, haste — to bring Him laud, — the Babe, — the Son — of Mar - y.
me, for you. Hail, hail — the Word made flesh, — the Babe, — the Son — of Mar - y.
lull - a - by. Joy, joy — for Christ is born, — the Babe, — the Son — of Mar - y.

Celebrate Advent & Christmas With Us

WORSHIP SERVICES

Advent Sundays - December 3, 10, 17, 24 at 10:00AM

Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service - December 24 at 5:00PM

Christmastide Sunday - December 31 at 10:00AM

First Sunday After Epiphany (with Three Kings Cake) - January 7 at 10:00AM

EVENTS & PARTIES

Advent Wreath Making Event - December 3 Directly after the worship service

Children's Christmas Party - December 10 Directly after the worship service

Youth Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Exchange Christmas Parties

Junior High - December 9 at 6:00PM and High School - December 10 at 5:00PM

Women's Ministry Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange

Monday, December 11th at 7:00PM

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