

The Carols of Advent



ADVENT DEVOTION

November 30, 2016

Christ Our Redeemer

Advent Gathering

P: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,
C: the light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us, for it is evening,
C: and the day is almost over.

P: Let your light scatter the darkness,
C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.

Theme Carol – “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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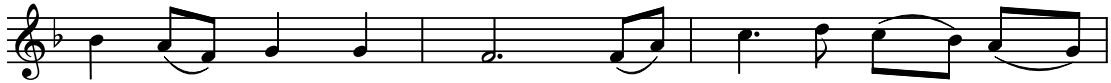
Setting: Harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams. From the English Hymnal by permission of Oxford University Press.



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee
 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a -
 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is
 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we



lie! A - bove thy deep And dream - less sleep The
 - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The an - gels keep Their
 giv'n! So God im - parts To hu - man hearts The
 pray; Cast out our sin And en - ter in; Be



si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets
 watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars, to -
 bless - ings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his
 born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas



shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears
 - geth - er Pro - claim the hol - y birth, And prais - es sing
 com - ing, But in this world of sin Where meek souls will
 an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell; Oh, come to us,



Of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 To God the King And peace to all the earth.
 Re - ceive him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
 A - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Confession of Sins

All: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

All: We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

All: We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Scripture Lesson – Luke 2:26-33

²⁶In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

The Candle Song – Hope

Natalie Sleeth

COR Students: Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to every heart, He comes! He comes!



Light one can-dle for hope, one bright can-dle for hope,



Ev-ry na-tion will find sal-va-tion in Beth-l'em's ba-by boy.

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Advent Devotion – Based on Micah 5:2-4

HOPE

²"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." ³Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

Offering – Musical Selection

Prayer

Closing Carol – “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

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Come, O long-ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set your peo-ple free;
Born your peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re-lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's Strength and Con-so - la-tion, Hope to all the earth im-part,
By your 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.
By your all-suf - fic-ient mer - it Raise us to your glo-rious throne.

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Upcoming Events

- Advent by Candlelight – Saturday, December 3, 6p
- Budget & Elections Meeting – Sunday, December 4, 11:30a
- Living Nativity – Friday & Saturday, December 9-10, 5:30-7:30p
- Christmas for Kids – Saturday, December 17, 9:30-11:30a
- Christmas Eve Worship – December 24, 5 & 7p
- Christmas Day Worship – Sunday, December 25, 9a
- New Year's Day Worship – Sunday, January 1, 9a