

Sunday Worship Service

November 29, 2020

Silent Night

#27862 by Franz Xaver Gruber, Joseph Mohr, and John Freeman Young Public Domain

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night, shepherd's quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night, Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth

ADVENT READING: PEACE

Scripture Reading:

“But you, Bethlehem, 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...

He 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.
⁵And he will be our peace” (Micah 2, 4-5a)

Prayer while Advent Candle is lit (*Congregation responds in bold*):

God of peace, you call us from the exile of sin with the good news of restoration. We gladly declare that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus, our Messiah. **We light this candle in peace, the peace that Jesus, our Saviour, gives to the world.**

Come People Of The Risen King

#5232617 by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend 2007 Thankyou Music

Intro -

Verse 1

Come people of the risen King who delight to bring him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the morning star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

Verse 3

Come young and old from every land, men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace
Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age our God is all in all

Build Your Kingdom Here

*#6186078 by Rend Collective Experiment
2011 Thankyou Music*

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church; we need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church, we pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire, win this nation back
Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church, we are the hope on earth

O Come O Come Emmanuel

#31982 by Henry Sloane Coffin, Thomas Helmore, and John Mason Neale Public Domain

Intro -- (x2)

Verse 1

O come, O come Emman - uel
And ransom captive Is - rael
That mourns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice, Emman - uel
Shall come to you, O Is - rael

Verse 2

O come O wisdom from on high
And order all things migh - tily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in its ways to go

Verse 3

O come O branch of Jesse's stem
Unto your own and rescue them
From depths of hell your people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

SERMON: NAVIGATING THE TIMES

SCRIPTURE TEXT: ROMANS 8:1-13

A New Hallelujah

*#5285860 by Paul Baloche, Debbie Smith, and Michael W. Smith
2008 Smittyfly Music, Word Music, LLC, This Is Your Time Music, Leadworship Songs, and Integrity's
Hosanna!*

Can you hear, there's a new song
Breaking out from the children of freedom
Every race and every nation
Sing it out sing a new Hallelujah

Let us sing love to the nations
Bringing hope of the grace that has freed us

Make Him known and make Him famous
Sing it out sing the new Hallelujah

Arise
Let the church arise
Let love reach to the other side
Alive come alive
Let the song arise

Whoa whoa, whoa whoa yeah
Let the song arise, let the song arise yeah
Let the song arise, let the song arise
Let the world sing a new Hallelujah

Everyone sing a new Hallelujah
Everyone sing a new Hallelujah

Advent Blessing: Between the Times

**Read over the church at the end of service. The Congregation will respond in bold.*

We live in the time between Christ's first and future coming.
We believe that Jesus, who was born, suffered, died, and rose again,
is with us always, and that we will see him face to face.

May the gift of the incarnation fill you with peace.

Lord, I receive your peace

May the gift of his presence cause you to rejoice

Lord, I receive your joy.

May the gift of the promised Saviour, born of Mary, renew your hope.

Lord, I receive your hope.

May the gift of God's everlasting comfort strengthen your heart.

Lord, I receive your love.

Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of Lords.

May the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever. Amen.

—Adapted from Advent Blessing, Worship Sourcebook

We Believe

#6367165 by Matthew Hooper, Travis Ryan, and Richie Fike

Abundant Life Ministries UK, Integrity Worship Music, Integrity's Praise! Music, and Travis Ryan Music

Verse 1

In this time of desperation; when all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation - we believe, we believe

Verse 2

In this broken generation; when all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation - we believe, we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and He's coming back again (We believe)

Verse 3

So let our faith be more than anthems; greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations - we believe, we believe

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised in the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save - we believe, we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail for the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail - we believe, we believe