



Rosa Veritas

Carols by Candlelight

Fourth Sunday in Advent
18 December, 2022

Come and Sing the Christmas Story

Come and sing the Christmas story
This holy night!
Christ is born: the hope of glory
Dawns on our sight.
Alleluia! earth is ringing
With a thousand angels singing –
Hear the message they are bringing
This holy night.

Jesus, saviour, child of Mary,
This holy night,
In a world confused and weary
You are our light.
See him in a manger lying,
Our form taking, self denying,
Life embracing, death defying
This holy night.

Lord of all! Let us acclaim him
This holy night;
King of our salvation name him,
Throned in the height.
Son of man – let us adore him,
All the earth is waiting for him;
Son of God – we bow before him
This holy night.

The Angel Gabriel

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!”

“For you shall bear a child of highest fame,
All generations praise and bless your name.
Your son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
Most highly favoured lady.” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“So be it as it pleases God,” she said,
“My soul shall praise and magnify his holy name.”
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And those who love and worship him will ever say,
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the new-born king.

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Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks at night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the new-born king.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations
You have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the new-born king.

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the new-born king.

Behold the Star

Behold the star, the wondrous star
That leads to Christ in you!
The wise have followed from afar
And found the promise true.
O let the bells in rapture ring
And peace its joy impart;
For he is come who shall be king:
The Christ in every heart.

Upon this day his love supreme
Relights the inner flame,
And we who walked as in a dream
Awake to know his name;
For he is here whom we adore,
Oh, happy thought and sweet!
For ever and for evermore
The Christ in you I greet.

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we travel afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a deity nigh.
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship him God most high.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Alleluia, Alleluia;
Earth to the heavens replies.

What Child Is This?

What child is this, who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him grace,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant and king, to own him;
The king of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
What shall be our sacred sign?

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Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all souls,
Love our pledge, our gift and sign.

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.

Joy to the world; the saviour reigns!
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace;
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, and wonders of his love.

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O Radiant Sun

O radiant sun! your glorious light
Shines brightly at this midnight hour;
Filling the heav'ns with joy and love,
And to the earth, redeeming pow'r.

Incarnate Word who was with God
Since time began and evermore,
All things in you were brought to birth;
Only in you, true life is found.

O radiant Son! in you is life,
Your radiant life, lights ev'ryone.
You shine your light into the dark
And darkness does not overcome.

O radiant Son! True light of God
Enlight'ning each and ev'ry soul,
You come into our world and shine;
May we, O Christ, your light behold.

Word become flesh, dwell in us now;
That we may know your grace and truth.
Your glory shines from age to age;
Shine in us now, O living Son!

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Saviour,
When half spent was the night.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy,
Infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing,
Little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging
Angels singing,
Nowells ringing,
Tidings bringing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

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Flocks were sleeping,
Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory,
Heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing,
Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing,
Greet the morrow,
Christ the babe was born for you!
Christ the babe was born for you!

Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round the virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia".
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
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Silent night, Holy night!
Son of God, loves pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

— Coming Up —

Daily Advent Meditations

Monday, 19 December to
Friday, 23 December, 2022
FLORIDA 2AM EST | EUR 8AM CET | WA 3PM | SA 5.30PM
NSW/VIC 6PM AEDT | NZ 8PM
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Christmas Eve Mass

Rev Robert John, Langwarrin VIC
Saturday, 24 December, 2022
FLORIDA 5AM EST | EUR 11AM CET | WA 6PM | SA 8.30PM
NSW/VIC 9PM AEDT | NZ 11PM
NOTE: Later start time
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New Year Dedication & Agapē

Rev Antoinette Schoenmaker, Coffs Harbour NSW
Saturday, 31 December, 2022
FLORIDA 4AM EST | EUR 10AM CET | WA 5PM | SA 7.30PM
NSW/VIC 8PM AEDT | NZ 10PM
NOTE: Later start time
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FOR MEMBERS

*There are no services via Zoom scheduled during January.
Individual communities may conduct some activities
face to face or via Zoom.*

*Regular services via Zoom recommence in February,
usually on the first and third Sunday each month.*

Cosmic Mass

Rev Robert John, Langwarrin VIC
5th annual Soul Mass for Rev Kate Scheel
Sunday, 5 February, 2023
FLORIDA 2AM EST | EUR 8AM CET | WA 3PM | SA 5.30PM
NSW/VIC 6PM AEDT | NZ 8PM
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