



Household devotions...

Advent 2022: Singing God's Word

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Memory verse:

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the
angel, praising God and saying:
Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth to people He favors!

Luke 2:13-14

Week 1: O come, O come Immanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice, rejoice . . .

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice, rejoice . . .

O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice, rejoice . . .

O come, Thou key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice, rejoice . . .

Day 1

- Read Isaiah 40:1-2—what idea is in verse 1?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO7ySn-Swwc>

Day 2

- Read Exodus 19:1-8—what idea is in verse 2?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkvYR4BcHYc>

Day 3

- Read Isaiah 11:1-9—what idea is in verse 3?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKEUIJRQVbA>

Day 4

- Read Isaiah 22:20-25—what idea is in verse 4?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGw0QK6ICZA>

Day 5

- Read Isaiah 22:22—what idea is in verse 5?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qclIZpnZPgo>

Day 6

- What does the chorus invite you to do, and look forward to?

An extra listen, a little different:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7_nxD1Q6cY

Week 2: Hark the herald angels sing!

Hark! the herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.'

Joyful, all you nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'

*Hark! the herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

Christ by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

*Hark! the herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die;
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

*Hark! the herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

Day 1

- Read Luke 2:1-20—how many quotes in verse 1?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r42So2nYcII>

Day 2

- Read John 1:1-18—how many ideas do you see in verse 2?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKWhfTK037w>

Day 3

- Read Philippians 2:5-11—how many ideas in verse 2?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNVmZlgvf9k>

Day 4

- Read Isaiah 9:1-6—how many ideas in verse 3?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJsC0Xr7lq8>

Day 5

- Read Malachi 4:1-6—how many ideas in verse 3?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ir90g1TX6ug>

An extra listen, a little different:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pB2I6UESSyo>

Week 3: O come all you faithful!

O come, all you faithful,
 joyful and triumphant,
 O come now, O come now to Bethlehem;
 come and behold Him,
 born the King of angels:

Chorus:
*O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord!*

True God of true God,
 light of light eternal,
 He, who abhors not the virgin's womb;
 Son of the Father,
 begotten not created:
Chorus

Sing like the angels,
 sing in exultation,
 sing with the citizens of heaven above,
 'Glory to God,
 glory in the highest':
Chorus

Yes, Lord, we greet You,
 born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to you be glory given!
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing:

Chorus

Day 1

- Read Luke 2:1-20—how does the first verse capture this?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mj7Pr42rlil>

Day 2

- Look up the Nicene Creed online—how does the second verse reflect this?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XI2c9yptr4U>

Day 3

- Looking back at Luke 2:1-20 again, what invitation does the third verse give?
- Listen: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1wHyMR_SCA

Day 4

- Where does the fourth verse place the reader?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5rMQ6P12WY>

Day 5

- The chorus offers a continual invitation—what is it?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdnaxk-LDcY>

An extra listen, a little different:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sC1zwND1hUk>

Week 4: Joy to the world!

Joy to the world, the Lord has 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 earth, the Saviour reigns!
your sweetest songs employ
while fields and streams and hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders, wonders of His love.

Day 1

- Read Psalm 98
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASZnRoRihyc>

Day 2

- Look back at Psalm 98—how is it reflected in verses 1-2?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7iPgWgeNsk>

Day 3

- Read Genesis 3—how is this discussed in verse 3?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=th4vXeuP6zo>

Day 4

- Read Romans 5:12-21—how does this shine through in verse 3?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpjW7Ynv49g>

Day 5

- Read Isaiah 9:1-7—how is this shown in verse 4?
- Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8GJfzZYhow>
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