



## Lyrics for Traditional Service, Sunday December 13th

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

Quartet

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;  
  
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.  
  
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to god, all glory in the highest;  
  
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.  
  
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born his happy morning,  
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
  
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

### Saint-Saens Christmas Oratorio

Quartet

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing His salvation,  
Bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house!  
Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful on earth,  
Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
  
Rejoice, ye angels rejoice all ye nations,  
Now in the face of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia.

### Joy to the World

Quartet

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 Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, 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,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.



## Scripture for Traditional Service, Sunday December 13th

### Habakkuk 1:1-4

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

2 How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

3 Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

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### Exodus 16:28

Then the Lord said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions?"

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### Habakkuk 2:1-4

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

2 Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

4 "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright — but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness

### Galatians 4:4-5

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

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"The Lord never seems to get there when you want him, but when he arrives he's always right on time."  
James Baldwin

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### Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

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"The trick of faith is to believe in advance what will only make sense in reverse." Philip Yancey

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### Exodus 3:12

And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Hope, unlike optimism, is rooted in unalloyed reality...the elevating feeling we experience when we see - in the mind's eye - a path to a better future. Hope acknowledges the significant obstacles and deep pitfalls along that path. True hope has no room for delusion. Clear-eyed, hope gives us the courage to confront our circumstances and the capacity to surmount them. For all my patients, hope, true hope, has proved as important as any medication I might prescribe or any procedure I might perform.”

Jerry Groopman *The Anatomy of Hope: How People Prevail in the Face of Illness*

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Frodo: “I wish it need not have happened in my time,”

Gandalf: “So do I,” and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

*The Fellowship of the Ring* – J.R.R. Tolkien