

WCRKB Words of Hope - Christmas 2021

Welcome to WOH

Hymn:

**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, wonders, of His love.**

*Isaac Watts 1719 sung by the Benefice choir
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Reading – Luke 2:1-7 "Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem"

Talk

Hymn:

**The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they said that His name was Jesus.**

**He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.
He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.
Oh, yes! believer.
Oh, yes! believer.
He came from the glory,
He came from the glorious kingdom.**

**The angels sang when the baby was born, (x3)
And they say that His name was Jesus.**

**The wise men saw where the baby was born, (x3)
And they say that His name was Jesus.**

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Reading – Luke 2:8-14 "The shepherds and the angels"

Talk

Carol -

**Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!**

**E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!**

**Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
Your eve'time song, ye singers
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!**

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Reading: Luke 2:15-20 "The shepherds visit the Christ Child"

Talk:

Carol

**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.**

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;
O come...**

**Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
'Glory to God in the highest;'
O come ...**

**Yea, Lord we greet Thee,
Born that happy morning;
Jesu, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come...**

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Prayers

SHORTER collect for Christmas:

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

Ending with:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name;
Your Kingdom come; Your will be done; on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
now and for ever, AMEN.**

Hymn: **Angels from the realms of glory,**

**Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship,
Christ, the new-born King.
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship,
Christ, the new-born King.
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.**

**Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship,
Christ, the new-born King.
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,
Christ, the new-born King.
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.**

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Thank you for joining us for this "Words of Hope" for Christmas!

Blessing