

O HOLY NIGHT
Songs of the Season – Part 1
December 4, 2016

O HOLY NIGHT

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Luke 2:1, 3-7 (NIV) *“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”*

A day with Christ can change everything.

Lamentations 3:20-23 (NIV) *“I well remember them (years of affliction), and my soul is downcast within me. ²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”*

A New Day With Christ Brings...

1. Exactly what you need.

Lamentations 3:24 (NIV) *"I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him.'"*

2. The hope to keep going.

Lamentations 3:25 (NIV) *"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him;"*

Hebrews 10:23 (NIV) *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful."*

3. The help you're seeking.

Lamentations 3:26 (NIV) *"...it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."*

John 11:39 (NIV) *"'Take away the stone,' He said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.'"*

Matthew 9:21-22 (NIV) *"She said to herself, 'If I only touch His cloak, I will be healed.'"²² Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' He said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment."*

John 5:8-9a (NIV) *"Then Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.'"⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked."*

Romans 13:11-12a (NIV) *"And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here."*

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!