

O Come All Ye Faithful

Matthew 2:1-12

How have the Christmas songs prepared us for the Christmas Celebration?

1. "O Come O Come Emmanuel" reminds us that Christmas is about God being with us.
2. "Oh Holy Night" ignites our imagination and takes us to Bethlehem to experience the miracle of Christ's birth.
3. The Songs of Mary, "Breath of Heaven," "Mary Did You Know," and "What Child is This?" help us to understand the human drama of suffering surrounding the birth and growth of Christ.
4. "Joy to the World" reminds us that though hidden by the suffering of our world, there is Joy to be experienced because Jesus is our joy.
5. Then today, O Com All Ye faithful is there to reminds us that the second Journey back to Bethlehem is a continuous symbol of Worship – and the joy that Christians around the world enjoy when they attend worship services in order to present the gift of worship to Jesus as King and Savior.

We will worship today by our ceremony of lighting the candles and closing by singing, O Come All Ye Faithful.