

Dear Friends

A very Happy Christmas to you all!
Thank you for sharing the Advent Journey in Light and Prayer.

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.
StF 210 Christina G Rosetti

Christmas Day: Purity Christ's Candle

Christmas may be a strangely subdued celebration in many ways this year as we are unable to physically worship together in church; and are also unable to gather with family and friends as we might have done in previous years. It will be a sad time for many with loved ones lost directly to Covid19 or to its consequences on other illness and its impact on job security, access to food, shelter and well-being.

Yet!

We can sing out with the angels and experience God's Peace in our lives because our reassurance is knowing that at the heart of Christmas is God's wonderful gift of Love!

Love that is 'pure and spotless' 'so amazing, so divine' that, as it 'demands my soul, my life, my all' – we give!



A Christmas Collect

God of light and hope,
Of stars and surprises:
Open our eyes to your glory
and our hearts to your presence,
that we may respond with joy to the angel song;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



God of the faithful and trusting,
Thank you for the example of those who have
walked with you;
Thank you for the knowledge you are there,
and will guide and guard us.
Help us to trust you,
even when the world around us seems dark,
Help us to say
"I don't understand, but I will believe"
"I cannot see the way, but I will follow you".
"I may be afraid, but I will trust you."
Bring us to the place of understanding
Where, with Blessed Mary,
we may praise and glorify your name. Amen.

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be ours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be among us and remain with us always.
Amen

Here is to a safer, healthier and altogether happier 2021.

May we each go well with God
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