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Words of Welcome

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7 (ESV)

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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Scripture Reading

None (ESV)

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Verse 2:

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits with Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And pierce the clouds and give us light

Verse 3:

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease
Fill all the world with heaven's peace

Verse 4:

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

Ending:

Shall come to thee, O Israel

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Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Verse 1:

Lo, how a Rose e’re blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
As men of old hath sung
It came, a flower bright
Amid the cold of winter
When half gone was the night

Verse 2:

Isaiah ’twas foretold it
The Rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it
The virgin mother kind
To show God’s love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half gone was the night

Verse 3:

This flow’r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere
True man, yet very God
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

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One Small Child

Verse 1:

One small Child in a land of a thousand
One small dream of a Savior tonight
One small hand reaching out to the starlight
One small city of life
One small city of life

Verse 2:

One king bringing his gold and his riches
One King ruling and army of might
One king kneeling with incense and candle light
One King bringing us life
One King bringing us life

Chorus 1:

See Him lying, cradle beneath Him
See Him smiling in the stall
See His mother praising His Father
See His tiny eyelids fall

Verse 3:

One small light from the flame of a candle
One small light from a city of might
One small light from the stars in the endless night
One small light from a face
One small light from a face

Chorus 2:

See the shepherds kneeling before Him
See the kings on bended knee
See His mother praising His Father
See the Blessed Infant sleep

Verse 4:

One small Child in a land of a thousand
One small dream in a people of might
One small hand reaching out to the starlight
One small Savior of life
One small Savior of life
One small Savior of life

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New City Catechism

45: Is Baptism with Water the Washing Away of Sin Itself?

Full Answer
No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

Children's Answer
No, only the blood of Christ can cleanse us from sin.

Scripture
LUKE 3:16
John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Commentary
JOHN CALVIN
“He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” It is asked, why did not John equally say, that it is Christ alone who washes souls with his blood? The reason is, that this very washing is performed by the power of the Spirit, and John reckoned it enough to express the whole effect of baptism by the single word Spirit. The meaning is clear, that Christ alone bestows all the grace which is figuratively represented by outward baptism, because it is he who “sprinkles the conscience” with his blood. It is he also who mortifies the old man, and bestows the Spirit of regeneration. The word fire is added as an epithet, and is applied to the Spirit, because he takes away our pollutions, as fire purifies gold.

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Fullness of Grace

Verse 1

Fullness of Grace in man's human frailty,
This is the wonder of Jesus.
Laying aside His power and glory,
Humbly He entered our world.
Chose the path of meanest worth:
Scandal of a virgin birth.
Born in a stable, cold and rejected:
Here lies the hope of the world.

Verse 2

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father
Shown in the face of Jesus.
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity,
Walking the Calvary road.
Christ the holy Innocent
Took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected:
Crushed for the sins of the world.

Verse 3

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for,
Promise of God in Jesus.
Through His obedience we are forgiven,
Opening the floodgates of heaven.
All our hopes and dreams we bring
Gladly as an offering.
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable:
God's gift in love to the world.

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Sermon
Why the Son Came: To Bring Us into His Family

Galatians 4:4–7 (ESV)

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,
5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verse 1:

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

Chorus:

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2:

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest

Verse 3:

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

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Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.