

## Advent- Christmas Blessing/Sending Songs

These one-verse songs are useful during an offering, after a baptism or communion, at the end of a service, and other moments when members may be invited to sing to each other.

### Advent

#### Advent: *Silent Night*

God bless you, grant you peace,  
as you wait joy's release.  
Holy people, loving and true,  
may God come in glory to you.  
Christ be born in your hearts,  
Christ be born in your hearts.

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Go in peace, go in grace,  
go with Christ from this place.  
Seek his coming, like the dawn.  
May his rising lead you on.  
Christ be born in your hearts.  
Christ be born in your hearts.

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Go in peace; go in love.  
May God's grace from above  
dawn upon you tenderly,  
give you light and set you free.  
Christ be born in your hearts.  
Christ be born in your hearts.

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Go in peace, deepest peace.  
May God's grace never cease.  
May the Spirit nest in your soul,  
bring new life and make you whole.  
Christ be born in your hearts.  
Christ be born in your hearts.

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May God come, come to you,  
may God make all things new.  
As you wait for Jesus' birth  
may you help bring peace on earth  
Christ be born in your hearts,  
Christ be born in your hearts.

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#### *Sing We Now of Christmas*

Go in peace, Beloved. Bless you now, my friends.  
Bear the light of Jesus, love that never ends.  
Wait for your God: for patience is our call.  
Christ is coming soon now! Love and joy to all!

#### *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Go in peace, Beloved, God be with you all.  
Wait for grace with patience, as for rains that fall.  
Christ is coming soon now! Be a sign of hope:  
bear the light of Jesus, love to one and all.

Go in peace, Beloved, waiting for the dawn.  
May the grace of Jesus bless and bear you on.  
Go and share God's blessing. Trust that Christ is  
near.  
Mercy will go with you, till the Day is here.

#### *O Little town of Bethlehem*

Now go in peace, my dearest friends, as God  
prepares the way.  
God will embrace our lives with grace and bring a  
brand new day:  
a day of love and healing, and in our darkness, light.  
With grace divine you are a sign, a candle in the  
night.

#### *Advent: Away in a Manger*

Like roses in winter, may Mary's deep "Yes"  
bloom warm in your spirits, to heal and to bless;  
the light of God's promise turn night into day,  
and bring you God's peace as you go on your way.

Now Christ has been born, my dear friends, in your  
heart.  
The child will stay with you and never depart.  
So go in God's peace, with God's light from above  
to guard you and guide you to live in God's love.

### *What Child Is This*

Now let us go before our God,  
in peace preparing a gentle way;  
And everywhere, God's grace we'll share  
as we trust in the dawn of a new day.  
God, may we your presence see  
in bread and wine, in your family.  
Fill us with your love and hope,  
and make of us signs of your coming.

The gift he brings is life: what gift  
would you refuse to bring him?  
Give freely of a life of love  
to the world Christ chooses to live in.  
Haste, haste to do God's will,  
who would with mercy our spirits fill!  
Love, love will bring him laud,  
the Babe, the son of Mary.

#### *Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify my God  
in joy, for God is holy.  
God feeds the poor! The rich no more  
receive, but those who are lowly.  
God, grant that we serve you well,  
your coming here among us to tell,  
Love, light and forgiveness share  
as servants and guides in your Peace.

O tear the heavens and come, O God,  
for your children long for your coming.  
You are the potter and we your clay;  
you are our Mother and Father.  
Help, help us to stay awake  
as we wait the dawn, for your mercy's sake!  
Hear, hear our souls' desire  
and help us prepare for your coming.

O stir your Spirit in us and come, enfleshed, as we  
of your mercy tell.  
Your love impart to every heart, O God, Emmanuel.  
Love, love will give us birth, your church, the Body  
of Christ on earth.  
Christ, Christ be born in us, that we may be signs of  
your coming.

How loved and blessed you are, my friends,  
in whom God's grace is dwelling.  
You trust the Word that you have heard,  
that angel choirs are telling.  
Peace, peace, my dearest friends!  
Now go in love to the world's ends.  
Shine, shine with the light of God,  
the grace of the son of Mary.

## **Christmas**

### *Away in a Manger*

Now Christ has been born, my dear friends, in your  
heart.  
The child will stay with you and never depart.  
So go in God's peace, with God's light from above  
to guard you and guide you to live in God's love.

### *What Child Is This*

God bless you, friends; may Christ's pure  
light shine down upon you from above.  
Now go in peace. Your light increase, as you  
shine with the light of God's love.  
Grace, grace be yours this day, and fill your  
hearts as you go your way.  
Love, love shall guide your path, as you shine  
with the light of God's presence.

### *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Beloved, you are a child of God, whom angels sing  
above,  
a sign of God's salvation sweet, a sign of hope and  
love.  
Now go in peace, my dearest friends. God will be  
with you all.  
And let the Spirit guide you forth wherever God  
may call.

### *Silent Night*

Go in peace, hope and light;  
Christ in you, shining bright.  
By the grace of this holy birth,  
bear God's love to all the earth.  
Jesus' blessing be with you;  
Jesus, born in your heart.

### **New year**

### *Silent Night*

Now go in peace, my dearest friends. God will be  
with you all.  
And let the Spirit guide you forth wherever God  
may call.  
Beloved, you are a child of God, whom angels sing  
above.  
So go into the new year now with hope and joy and  
love.

### **Epiphany**

### *Away in a Manger*

My friends, may the star over Bethlehem's skies  
now give you God's peace, make you gentle and  
wise,  
and lead you, as though by a light from above:  
the light of dear Christ in you, shining with love.

### *What Child Is This*

O God, may all your Church make flesh  
the Word that you are giving;  
the love of Christ and the Spirit's power  
make holy all of our living.  
Love, love shall be the light  
by which we live: so bless our sight.  
Love, love shall be the star  
by which you guide our living.

### *We Three Kings*

Go in peace, and take from this place  
our dear love and God's deep grace.  
Serving, healing, Christ revealing, be God's human  
face. Oh, God of wonder, God of light,  
shining in this world so bright,  
bless you, guide you, walk beside you,  
fill you with God's loving light.

### **Baptism of Jesus**

### *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Go now in peace, my friends, dear, beloved ones of  
God,  
children in whom is God's delight.  
Baptized with Christ in grace, go now with Christ in  
faith,  
and spread to all the world God's light.

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