

Sunday 20 December: 4pm Teatime Service – From Darkness to Light

Opening prayer: we say together:
God of watchers in the night
God of lanterns lit:
Our waiting turns
from anxiety to anticipation
When what is hoped for
Starts to feel a real thing.
God of the guiding star,
May the lamps we raise
And the light we cast
Cut the gloom around us
So that we become a beacon
For your brighter day to come.
Amen
(Corrymeela)

Puppets: The Two Foreigners

Reflection: Julie – From Darkness to Light

Star Mandala Prayers – time for reflection and prayer

In Advent, we share a path that walks from darkness to light, and we bring with us those who have had their hopes crushed, those who have misplaced their strength or sense of direction: we lift to the light those suffering from Covid, those who are anxious, depressed or laid low by lockdown; those made poor, hungry or desperate by the impact of the virus. We pray for all those who have lost a child, all those who are bereaved, all who suffer fear or abuse, illness or loneliness. We pray for the children we know, for their future health and happiness, we pray that our aspirations meet God's in helping and allowing them to become the best people they can be. In this season of hope, we ask the Lord God to shine his light of hope into all our lives.
A moment tonight to share something you hope for....

In Advent, we share a path that walks from darkness to light, and we bring with us those who cry out for Peace in their countries, homes and towns, in their own hearts and in the lives of others. We pray for peace for those suffering from pain, fear and illness. We pray especially for those who have lost their peace due to Covid and its impact on all.
In this season of Peace, we ask the Lord God to let his peace into all our lives.
A moment tonight to share a place or a situation where we ask for peace....

In Advent, we share a path that walks from darkness to light, and we bring with us those who cry out to have their torment ended and to feel the joy of rebirth.
In this season of advent
May the Joy of the angels in heaven reach us
The joy in the loving human heart beat within us
The joy in creation press upon us.
Fill us anew with the joy and peace of God
And bless us
A moment tonight to share one of our Joys....

Carol: The First Nowell

1 The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They lookèd up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

4 This star drew nigh to the north-west:
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord
who hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

Canticle: (St Patrick)

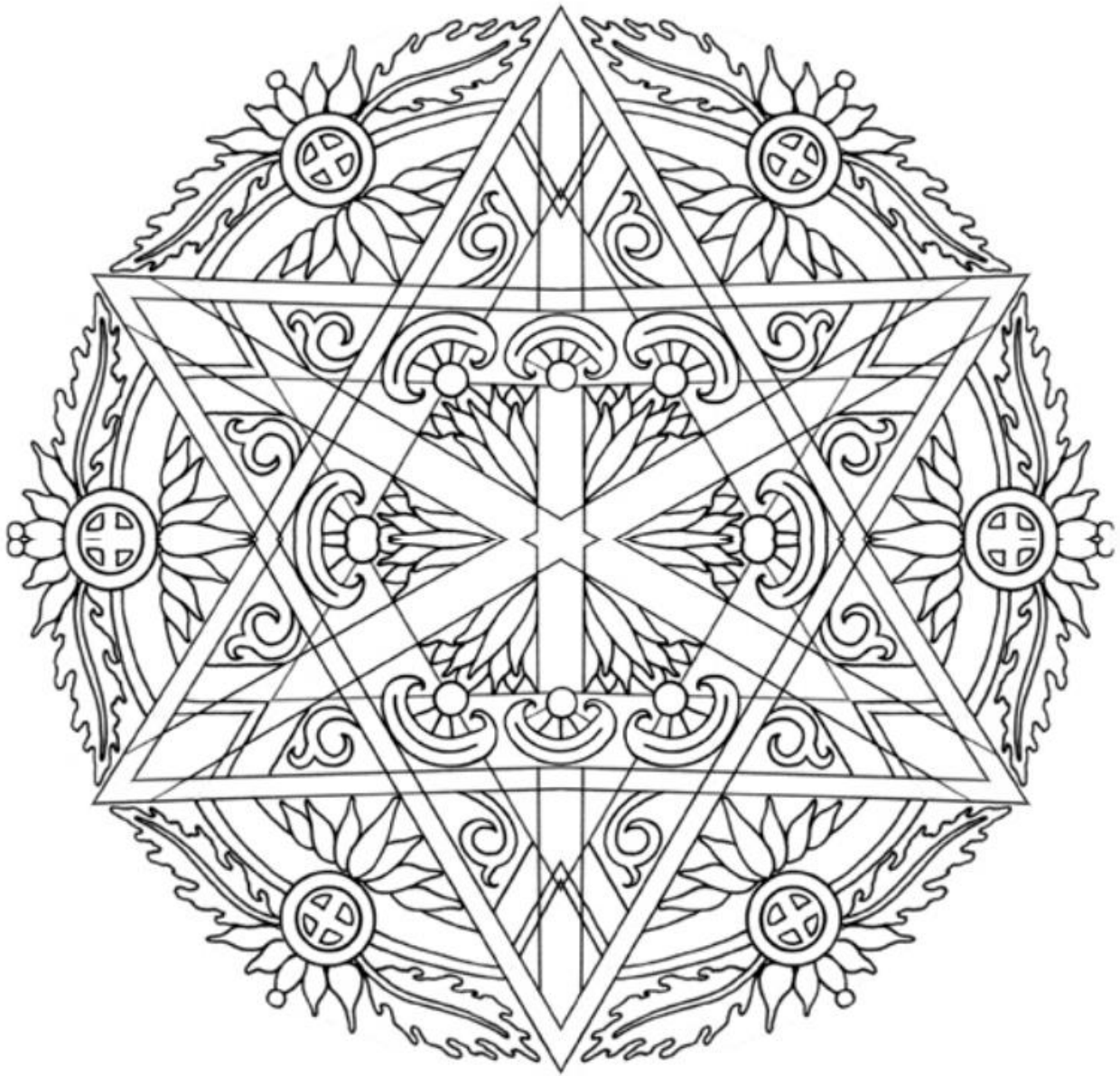
Christ, as a light, illumine and guide me.
Christ as a shield overshadow me.
Christ under me, Christ over me
Christ beside me
On my left and on my right.
This day and this night be within and without me
Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak
In the mouth of each who speaks to me.
Christ be within and without me.
Christ as a light
Christ as a shield
Christ beside me
On each of my hands.

Final prayer

Lighten our darkness Lord.

Let the light of your presence dispel the shadows that trouble us, and let them illuminate the goodness that surrounds us in this world, now and always. As we watch and wait for the light, may the hope, peace, joy and love of our creator be alive in our hearts this season.

Amen



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