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Christmas Eve Service

CHRISTMAS SONGS

1. **Silent Night** (1818 Josef Mohr)
2. **White Christmas** (1942 Bing Crosby)
3. **The Christmas Song** (1946 Nat King Cole)
4. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (1861 Hymn)

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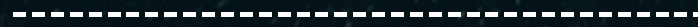
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OLD TESTAMENT



NEW TESTAMENT

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MALACHI

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*"I will send my messenger,
who will prepare the way before me.
Then suddenly the Lord (the Messiah)
you are seeking will come to his temple;
the messenger of the (new) covenant, whom you desire ...
"But for you who revere my name,
the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays." ...
"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you ...
He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children,..."*

Malachi 3: 1; 4: 2, 5-6 NIV

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GOD GOES SILENT

Has God ever **seemed** silent to **you**?

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Has God ever seemed silent to you?

What is **God doing** in the silence?

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Has God ever seemed silent to you?

What is God doing in the silence?

What do **you do** when God is silent?

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Never **confuse** God's silence
with God's **absence**.

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*“The **virgin** (Mary) will conceive
and give **birth** to a son,
and they will call him **Immanuel.**”
(which means “**God with us**”)*

Matthew 1: 23 NIV

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*“I have **loved you,**”
says the Lord.*

Malachi 1: 2 NIV

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THREE WORLD EVENTS

1. Alexander the Great: **Greek** language

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THREE WORLD EVENTS

1. Alexander the Great: **Greek** language
2. Roman Empire: **Peace** (Pax Romana)
3. Roman Empire: **Roads** (transportation)

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*But when the **set time** had fully **come**,
God **sent** his Son (**Jesus**),
born of a women,
born under the law
to **redeem** those under the law,
that **we** might receive **adoption** to sonship.*

Galatians 4: 4-5 NIV

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So what does that **mean**
for **you** and for me?

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GOD GOES SILENT

When God goes silent,
he hasn't **gone anywhere.**

When you hear God's silence
and **feel his absence,**
trust his presence.

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*Yet I **totally trust** you to **rescue me** one more time,
So that I can **see** once again
how good you are while I'm still alive!
Here's what I've **learned** through it all:
Don't **give up**; don't be **impatient**;
be entwined **as one** with the Lord.
Be **brave** and **courageous**, and never **lose hope**.
Yes, keep on **waiting** – for he will **never disappoint** you!*

Psalm 27: 13-14 TPT

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David never **confused** God's silence
with God's **absence**.

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3 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Have you ever **witnessed** someone demonstrate **faith** despite God's **silence** in his or her life?
2. Read **Psalm 27: 13-14**. How do these two verses **challenge** or **encourage** you?
3. Has God ever been **silent** in **your life**? How did **you respond**? Are you in a season of silence right now? How can **others help**?

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