

2024-12-30 Meditation for Monday of Christmastide is now available
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Theme song (7th-century hymn):

Creator of the stars of night
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe

There is no rose of such virtue

Lyrics: Anonymous 15th-c carol

Music: Paul Hillier (b. 1949)

Artists: Theatre of Voices, Paul Hillier (dir.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzGtvX6PEmo> (about 23 minutes into the concert)

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Alleluia.

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For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space.
Res miranda. [Wondrous thing.]

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By that rose we may well see
That He is God in persons three,
Pari forma. [Of the same form]

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The angels sung and the shepherds too,
Gloria in excelsis Deo. [Gloria to God in the highest.]
Gaudeamus. [Let us rejoice.]

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Leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyous birth:
Transeamus. [Let us go (even unto Bethlehem).]

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