

2025-12-27 Meditation for the Third Day in the Octave of Christmas is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

Theme song (7<sup>th</sup>-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 . . . .

### ***Joseph's Carol***

Lyrics: Andrew Hawes (b. 1954)

Music: Patrick Hawes (b. 1958)

Artists: Voce Chamber Choir, Mark Singleton (Dir.), Stephen Scarlato, organ  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeuAjT3YgYI>

O child that lies soft-sleeping in my arms,  
I shall keep you safe from all that harms.  
I know that your life did not spring from mine;  
And yet I know that all I am is thine.

My craft is hewing, joining, making good;  
And now my end is shaped and made by God.  
A simple carpenter my chosen trade;  
And now my life is fixed by powers that all things made.

Your being fulfills a promise borne of dreams;  
Both innocence and fear shall make my destiny.  
By starlit night your midwife I have been.  
Your blood on my hands the offering seals.

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I shall keep you safe from all that harms.  
I know that your life did not spring from mine;  
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