

2025-12-31 Meditation for Wednesday of Christmastide is now available  
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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 . . . .

### ***Christ was born on Christmas Day***

Lyrics: Trad. German, c. 14<sup>th</sup> c., *Resonet in laudibus*, trans. Neville S. Talbot (1879-1943)

Music: Trad. German, c. 14<sup>th</sup> c., and *Josef, Lieber Josef mein*, sung in a 16<sup>th</sup>-c. mystery play  
(Leipzig), arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Artists: Vancouver Cantata Singers, Eric Hannan (dir.)

Christ was born on Christmas Day;  
Wreathe the holly, twine the bay;  
*Christus natus hodie* [Christ is born today]  
The Babe, the Son, the Holy One of Mary.

He is born to set us free,  
He is born our Lord to be,  
*Ex Maria Virgine*: [Of the Virgin Mary]  
The God, the Lord, by all ador'd forever.

He came among us at Christmastime  
At Christmastime in Bethlehem.  
Men shall bring him from far and wide Love's diadem;  
Jesu, Jesu,  
All the world this day is come to praise you.

Joseph, dearest Joseph mine,  
Help me cradle this child divine,

God reward thee and all that's thine  
In Paradise, so prays the mother Mary.

Gladly dear one, lady mine,  
Help I cradle this child of thine,  
God's own light on us both shall shine  
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