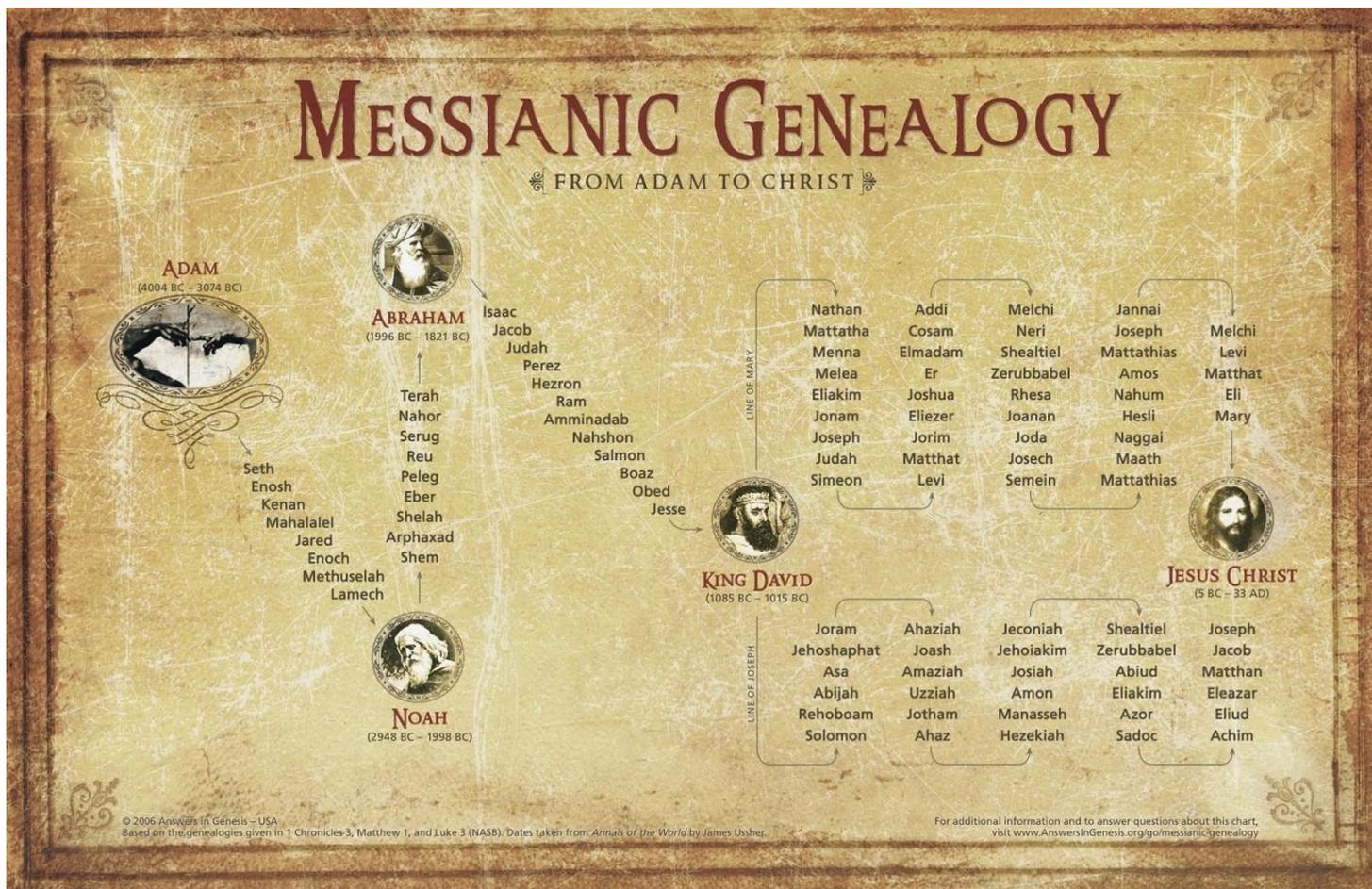


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What's In a Name?

1st Sunday after Christmas
 December 30, 2018
 Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs – “Angels We Have Heard on High &
There’s A Star in the East”

Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

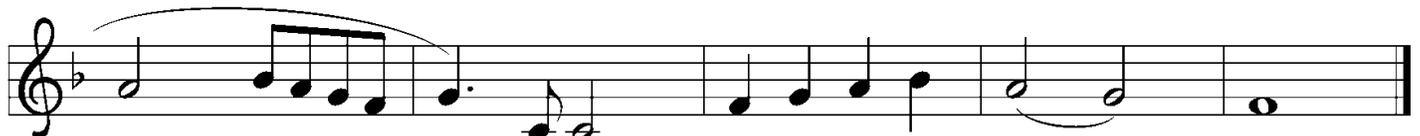
Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



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Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

There's a Star in the East



1 There's a star in the east on Christ-mas morn, rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.
2 If you take good heed to the an-gel's words, rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.



It will lead to the place where the Christ was born, rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.
You'll for-get your flocks, you'll for-get your herds, rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.



Fol - low, fol - low, rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low.



Fol-low the star of Beth-le - hem, rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: RISE UP, SHEPHERD, African American spiritual

Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger, **You come to us in the most unexpected ways – as a baby, as a refugee. Help us to make room for you, too see you and to reach for you when you surprise us in strangers and friends. Amen.**

Meet Someone New

Now is the time to practice this very dangerous prayer we just prayed – there are no strangers because of the love we know in Jesus. We simply can't afford to be afraid of each other, especially in this place of worship of the God who brings us together. Visitors, stay right where you are. It's our job, as River of Hope, to make ourselves a little bit uncomfortable and to come and say hello to you. So, go and say hi to someone you don't know very well or at all.

“There’s A Star in the East” to bring people back together.

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of the Triune God – God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We echo the greeting of the angels: God is with you!

And also with you.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for reflection.

Creator God, we admit we are not always loving and kind. Forgive us for the words we say and things we do that hurt other people. It feels impossible to fathom, but we know you love everyone. Everyone. Even the ones who hurts us. Make room in us for your forgiveness. Shows us how to forgive those who are mean to us. Give us your power to forgive the ones who hurt us. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Silence for reflection.

Announcement of Forgiveness

God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love – loves you as you are. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your in in the name of the Holy Trinity – God, Jesus, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Carol “Do You Hear What I Hear”

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR

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Words and Music by NOEL REGNEY
and GLORIA SHAYNE

Moderately, with feeling

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of several systems of music with lyrics and guitar chords. The chords are: C, Gm7, C, G/C, F/C, G/C, C, G/C, F/C, G/C, C, Gm7, C, C, G/C, F/C, G/C, Am, Em, F, G, F, To Coda, E, Am, G, F, C/E, Dm7, G, C, Gm7, 1. 2 C, 3 C, D.S. al Coda, CODA E, Am, opt. G, F, C/E, Dm7, Em/G, G7, C, Gm7, C.

Said the night wind to the lit - tle lamb, "Do you see what I see? —
lit - tle lamb to the shep - herd boy, "Do you hear what I hear? —
shep herd boy to the might - y king, "Do you know what I know? —
king to the peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, "Lis - ten to what I say! —

Way up in the sky, lit - tle lamb, do you see what I see? —
Ring - ing through the sky, shep - herd boy, do you hear what I hear? —
In your pal - ace warm, might - y king, do you know what I know? —
Pray for peace, — peo - ple ev - 'ry where, lis - ten to what I say! —

A star, a star, danc - ing in the night, with a tail as big as a
A song, a song, high a - bove the tree, with a voice as big as the
A Child, a Child, shiv - ers in the cold; let us bring Him sil - ver and
The Child, the Child, sleep - ing in the night, He will bring us good - ness and

kite, with a tail as big as a kite." Said the
sea, with a voice as big as the sea." Said the
gold, let us bring Him sil - ver and gold."

Said the
light, He will bring us

good - ness and light."

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Joy to the world! Our Lord Jesus has come! We welcome you, little king and see that you have included us in your family lineage, forever linked to you and your love. Joy to the world. Amen.**

THE STORY

NARRATOR: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Matthew 1:1-17

ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

NARRATOR: An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

ALL: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

NARRATOR: and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

ALL: So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Stay tuned for the continuing story that is our story and God's story.

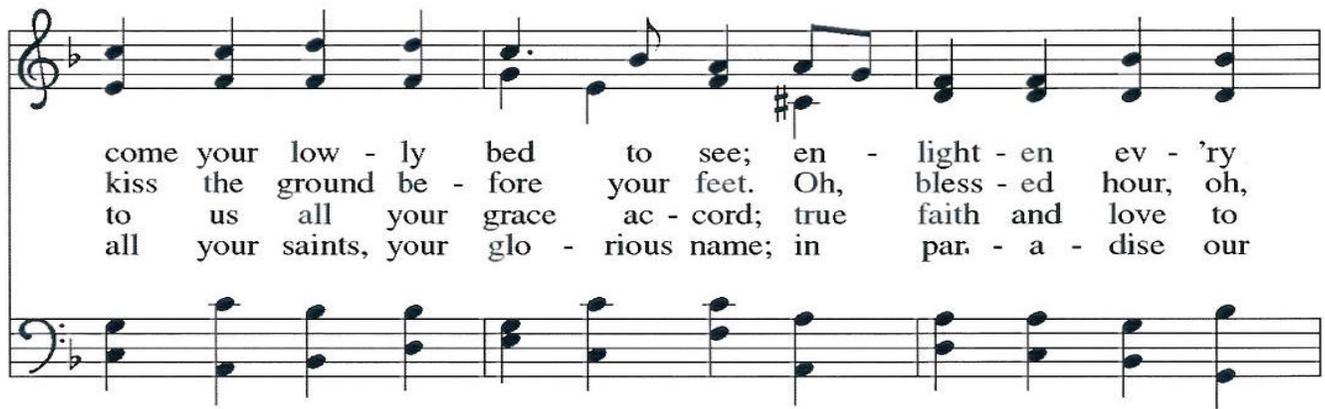
ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Carol "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

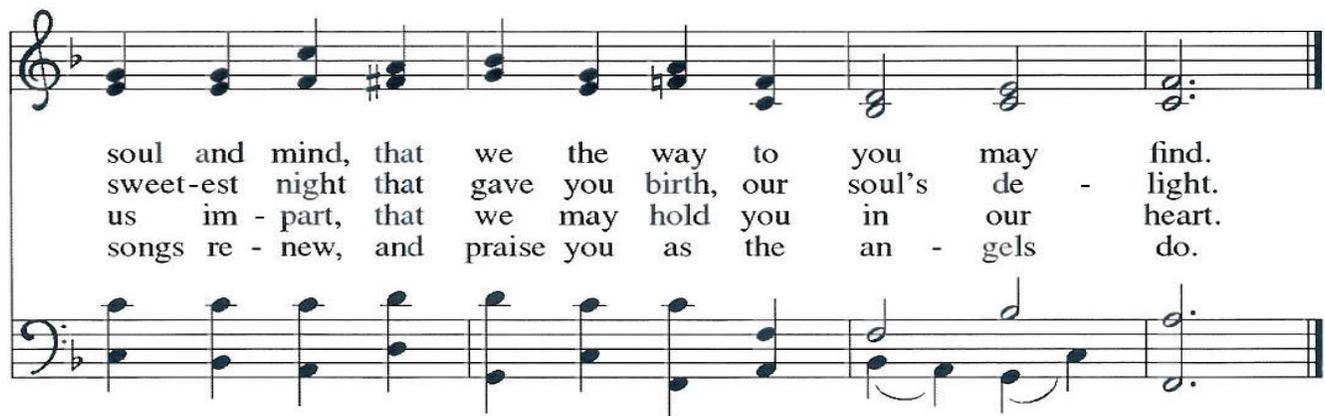
Your Little Ones, Dear Lord



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.
Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

Sermon

Christmas Carol "Joy to the World"

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

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and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing.

Prayers of the People

Reader: Lord, we are in need of your mercy.

All: hear our prayer

Offering

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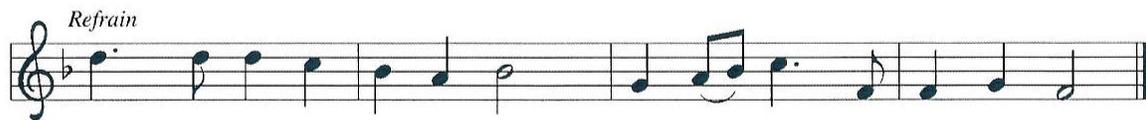
Offering Carol – "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

Let us pray: We offer these small gifts to our great God like children approaching a loving parent. Crudely wrapped in love and decorated with our worship. God smiles and says, "It's just what I have always wanted!" Receive these gifts, loving God, and by your divine touch, turn them into joy for your world. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

There is room for you at this table. So come, you have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;

Come. There is room for you.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs – Christmas Carols!

“What Child is This & It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



It Came upon the Midnight Clear

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,

from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world.
 who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev-er-cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gra-cious king."
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol-lemn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.
 and ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
 oh, rest be-side the wea-ry road and hear the an-gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

THE SENDING

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, **in response to your promise of faithfulness and life, we offer our lives. In response to your promise of love, we offer our love. In response to all of your promises, we offer our gifts. Amen.**

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

[Please be seated] Purpose Sightings

[Pic on power point] Don't forget to grab your copy of The Current on your way home today. There are lots of opportunities to live into our purpose listed in The Current. *And*, one of the most important things included in these pages are the invitation to pray and to read scripture during the week.

MILESTONES! "Auld Lang Syne"

AULD LANG SYNE

The image shows a musical score for the song "Auld Lang Syne" in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: "Should auld acquaint-ance be for-got, and nev-er brought to mind? Should auld acquaint-ance be for-got and days of Auld Lang Syne? For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, for Auld Lang Syne, We'll tak' a cup o' kind-ness yet, for Auld Lang Syne."

If you've got a good or hard milestone in your life and can share it in a few sentences, meet me at the baptismal font and throw a water drop in as you share your milestone.

Final Blessing

Pastor Laura: May you experience the thrill of hope as this weary world rejoices in the glory of the newborn king. Christmas peace to you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

(Kids are invited to come up and play an instrument)

Feliz Navidad

By Jose Feliciano

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad, Prospero Ano y Felicidad

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad, Prospero Ano y Felicidad

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas, I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas, From the bottom of my heart;

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas, I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas, From the bottom of my heart.

Go in peace – serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God**

Music to Send You Out

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