



Advent Playlist

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As you listen, follow along with the questions and prompts provided.

Happy listening!

| SONG | TO PONDER... |
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| "O Come O Come Emmanuel" by King and Country, Needtobreathe | Question to ponder: How does this arrangement capture the urgency and desperation of waiting? |
| "It's True" by Sara Groves | Lyrics to ponder: "A God who came down to find YOU." What does this mean to you? |
| "Come Jesus Come" by Stephen McWhirter | Question to ponder: Do you ever feel like the singer in this song? How so? |
| "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin'" | Fun fact: This traditional gospel blues song, arranged for choir by Andre J. Thomas, is based on one of Jesus's parables from Matthew 25 that talks about waiting in expectation. |
| "Hope" by The Brilliance | Question to ponder: Does this song sound hopeful to you? How so? |
| "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Page CXVI | Lyrics to ponder: "From our fears and sins release us / Let us find our rest in Thee." What might this rest look like in your life? |
| "Sing We the Song of Immanuel" by Matt Boswell | Question to ponder: How does the call to action shift throughout this song? (Sing come, go, tell, etc.?) |
| "Song of Zechariah" The Gospel Coalition | Question to ponder: How does this interpretation echo Zechariah's song found in Luke 1:67-80? |
| "How Long?" by Bifrost Arts | Lyrics to ponder: "How long?" What areas of our world or your life might you be asking the same question? |
| "Come Light Our Hearts" by Sandra McCracken | Fun fact: Sandra McCracken wrote this song for her own congregation to sing during Advent. She reflects, "Waiting is an active happening, and it's hard work learning to be still." |

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| "I Wait" by All Sons & Daughters | Lyrics to ponder: "The God of love he will not tarry / No, he is never late." |
| "Wait for You" by Rivers and Robots | Verse to ponder: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." -Revelation 21:4 |
| "Advent Hymn" by Christy Nockels | Question to ponder: How does the singer name and reflect on darkness as she slowly moves to hope in this song? |
| "O Children Come" by Getty | Lyrics to ponder: "O Children Come!" What is the invitation extended to all of us in this Advent season? |
| "Mary's Song" by Wendell Kimbrough, Page CXVI | Question to ponder: What do you think Mary's song sounded like? |
| "What Child is This?/ Child of the Poor" by The Hound + The Fox | Question to ponder: What might confuse us about Jesus's incarnation? *incarnation: God taking on human flesh |
| "Oh for Joy" by Folk Hymnal | Lyrics to ponder: "Arise, arise the dawn has come / The dark drowned out because of love." |
| "With Us (feat. Satoya Foster)" by Mission Song | Musical question to ponder: Do you notice the switch between minor and major moments in the verses and chorus? How do they match or not match the lyrics? |
| "God Made Low" by Sovereign Grace Music | Fun Fact: According to sovereigngracemusic.org , the album Prepare Him Room was written as an attempt to capture the mystery of the incarnation (...and it even has a family devotional that goes along with it!) |
| "She Waits" The Gray Havens | Lyrics to ponder: What stands out to you in this song? Why? |

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| "Midwinter" by Audrey Assad | Fun Fact: The text of the original carol "In the Bleak Midwinter" was written by English poet Christina Rossetti in the 1800s and set to music by Gustav Holst in 1906. |
| Gospel Mass II. Gloria by Robert Ray | Question to ponder: Do you think the angel's song for the shepherds sounded anything like this "Gloria?" |
| "O Come, All You Unfaithful" by Sovereign Grace | Lyrics to Ponder: Do you relate to any of the lyrics? Do you know anyone else who might relate as well? |
| "Light of the World" by Lauren Daigle | Fun Fact: "Light of the World" is Lauren Daigle's first single released in 2013 about the world's waiting for Emmanuel. |
| "Angels We Have Heard On High" David Crowder Band | Question to ponder: How does this version capture the joy of the angels and the shepherds? |
| "The Light Came Down" by Josh Garrels | Verse to ponder: "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5 |
| "Silent Night" by the Lumineers | Question to ponder: What kind of picture does this song paint for you? |
| "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" by Fernando Ortega | Musical question to ponder: How does this piece reflect the tone of Christmas Eve as the world waits for the coming Messiah? |
| "O' Come" by 116 | Lyrics to ponder: "O come and adore the new life here for me and you." |
| "The First Noel" by Leslie Odom Jr. | Fun fact: The word "Noel" has a vast and varied history, from roots in the word for birth to shouts of Christmas celebration. |

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| "O Holy Night" by Casting Crowns | Question to ponder: Which powerful lines stand out to you the most? |
| "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by Sleeping at Last | Lyrics to ponder: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,With peace on earth, good will to men." |
| "Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming" by Penny & Sparrow | Fun fact: The rose in this German Christmas carol originally referred to Mary, the mother of Jesus. |
| "Joy to the World/ Our God Saves" by Paul Baloche, All Sons & Daughters | Lyrics to ponder: "Our God saves, our God saves / There is hope in Your name / Mourning turns to songs of praise." |
| "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Tommee Profitt, Rachael Lampa | Question to ponder: How do our lives mirror the expectant town of Bethlehem? What about when Jesus comes? |
| "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" by Tow'rs | Fun fact: The Phoenix New Times writes, "Tow'rs' exceptionally honest discography is a compelling window into the thoughtful and evolving minds of those who made it." Do you think this song reflects this? |
| "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Shawn Colvin | Musical question to ponder: How does the laid-back tempo and the instrumentation help capture the scene of the song? |
| "Once in Royal David's City" by Sufjan Stevens | Lyrics to ponder: "And our eyes at last shall see Him / Through His own redeeming love." |
| "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" by Citizens | Question to ponder: How does this song reflect the mood of Christmas feasting? |
| "Go Tell it on the Mountain" for King & Country | Blessing to ponder: "God go before you to lead you, God go behind you to protect you, God go beneath you to support you, God go beside you to befriend you. Do not be afraid. May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you. Do not be afraid. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen." |