



christmas eve

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.. hope fear ..



what are we doing here tonight? *O Little Town of Bethlehem* is about as well-known as any Christmas song. You're only into it one verse when the author hits sentimental visitors to Christmas Eve worship with a profound thought, in a simple declarative sentence: *the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

Could you agree that "hope" and "fear" pretty much sum up all of a human's life?

#### Invocation

Sing joyfully to the Lord  
 PLAY SKILLFULLY, AND SHOUT FOR JOY.  
 We wait in hope for the Lord  
 HE IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.  
 In him our hearts rejoice  
 FOR WE TRUST IN HIS HOLY NAME.  
 May your unfailing love rest upon us  
 EVEN AS WE PUT OUR HOPE IN YOU.

Psalm 33

Hymn 1 # 62

*the 'Old Testament / New Testament' skill*

Micah 5:1-5

(Bible 1175)

Hymn 2 # 42

*the 'Law / Gospel' skill*

Matthew 1:18-25

(Bible 1218)

Music 3 # 40

*the 'Application / Appropriation' skill*

Isaiah 9:1-9

(Bible 852)

Music 4 # 68 - choir sings v 2

*the 'Descriptive / Prescriptive' skill*

Revelation 12:1-12

(Bible 1536)

Music 5 # 61

Prayer

Music 6 # 63

*We open the Bible; the Bible opens us.*

Luke 2:1-20

(Bible 1289)

Music 7 # 60

O little town of Bethlehem  
HOW STILL WE SEE THEE LIE!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
THE SILENT STARS GO BY.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
THE EVER-LASTING LIGHT.  
The hopes are fears of all the years  
ARE MET IN THEE TONIGHT.

Trinity Blessing