



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

“INCLUSION IN THE INCARNATION”

St. Thomas the Apostle Music Makers
featuring Chris de Silva

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7:00 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Naperville, IL

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directed by Jim Clauer

and guest artist

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Welcome

Fr. Peter Infanger

Words of Everlasting Life
Chris de Silva

Refrain



Verses

1. How perfect the law of the Lord; our souls are revived.
How sure the decrees of the Lord,
bringing wisdom, holy wisdom, bringing wisdom to the simple.
2. How right are the precepts of the Lord; our hearts will rejoice.
How clear the commands of the Lord,
bringing light, purest light, bringing light to our eyes.
3. How good is the rev'rence of the Lord; it lasts for all time.
How true the decrees of the Lord,
bringing justice, blessed justice, bringing justice to our lives.
4. How precious the words of the Lord, more precious than gold,
and sweeter than honey from the comb,
bringing life, sacred life, bringing life to your people.

The Virgin Mary

A woman. A teenager. An immaculate conception.
The person no one expected to mother the Son of God.

Lesson.....Luke 1:26-38

Among All
Chris de Silva

Refrain

A-mong all, you are blessed, and full of grace and ho-
li-ness. A-mong all, you said yes to do God's will
with o - pen-ness. O La - dy, full of grace, Mar-y,
Moth - er of God, be with us, pray for us.

Verses

1. You teach us to o - bey the liv - ing word of God. You show us
2. You teach us how to serve God's king-dom here on earth. You bring to
3. You teach us how to pray with hum - ble-ness of heart. You guide us
how to lis - ten to his voice that calls us each by name.
birth a wil - ling - ness to share our lives with joy and love.
to be in - stru - ments of peace and hope for all the world.

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Magnificat
Chris de Silva

Shepherds

Labor workers. An inferior class. Nobodies.
The group chosen by angels to first encounter Christ.

Lesson Luke 2:8-11, 15-20

With Great Love
Chris de Silva

Refrain

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "We can do no great things, we can do no great things, we can do no great things; on-ly small things with great love. great love, with great love, with great love." The score includes a section labeled "To verses" and a section labeled "Final ending" which ends with a double bar line.

We can do no great things, we can do no great things,
we can do no great things; on-ly
small things with great love. great love, with great love,
with great love.

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Come to Me and Rest
Chris de Silva

*At this time, you are invited to fill out the prayer intention card enclosed.
A basket will be passed to collect these intentions.*

*As you leave this evening, please take home the intention of another –
uniting us all in prayer and community throughout this Advent season.*

Wise Persons

A foreigner. An astrologer. A gentile.
The people shown the way to the Lord.

Lesson.....Matthew 2:1-12

Can You See God
Chris de Silva

God is Near
Chris de Silva

So be Christ's eyes and see what Christ would
see. Be Christ's ears and hear what Christ would
hear. Be Christ's hands that you may show the world God is
love, God is hope, God is near.

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Offertory

*Your gracious gifts this evening will benefit the St. Thomas the Apostle music program.
These funds allow the continuation of invigorating and prayerful worship experiences.
Thank you for your generosity.*

Meditation

Who are you in the Nativity narrative?

Whose inclusion challenges you?

*Throughout this season of preparation for the coming of Christ,
how can you better your practice of discipleship?*

To Follow You

Chris de Silva

Here I am; did I hear you call my name?

Here I am, as you will.

Speak, my God, I am read - y to be - gin.

Here I am, I come to fol - low you.

Peace Blessing
arr. Chris de Silva

Do - na no - bis pa - cem,

pa - cem, Do - na — no - bis

pa - cem.

Closing Songs

Come, Lord Jesus Chris de Silva

Refrain



Ma-ra-na-tha! Come, Lord Je-sus. Ma-ra-na-tha!



God with us. Ma-ra-na-tha! Come, Lord Je-sus.



Come, Em-man-u-el, come, Em-man-u-el.

Verses



1. You are light with - in our dark - ness:
2. Son of God, show us your mer - cy:
3. Send your Spir - it to those wait - ing:
4. Give your hope to all the na - tions:
5. As we gath - er at your ta - ble:



Ma-ra-na-tha! God with us. You are light through -
Son of Mar - y,
Send your peace to
Give your joy to
Bless the ones who



out your king - dom:
hold us close - ly:
all here, gath - ered: Come, Em - man - u - el,
all who love you:
call up - on you:



come, Em - man - u - el.

Night of Silence

Daniel Kantor



1. Cold are the peo - ple, win - ter of life, We
2. Voice in the dis - tance, call in the night, On
3. Spir - it a - mong us, shine like the star, Your



trem - ble in shad - ows this cold end - less night.
wind you en - fold us, you speak of the light.
light that guides shep - herds and kings from a - far.



Fro - zen in the snow lie ros - es sleep - ing,
Gen - tle on the ear you whis - per, soft - ly,
Shim - mer in the sky so emp - ty, lone - ly,



Flow - ers that will ech - o the sun - rise.
Ru - mors of a dawn so em - brac - ing.
Ris - ing in the warmth of the Son's love.



Fire of hope is our on - ly warmth;
Breath - less love a - waits dark - ened souls.
Star un - know - ing of night and day,



Wea - ry, its flame will be dy - ing soon.
Soon will we know of the morn - ing.
Spir - it, we wait for the lov - ing Son.

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Silent Night trad. German carol

1. Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother
and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from
heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from
thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



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