

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar
Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'
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May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the Magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.



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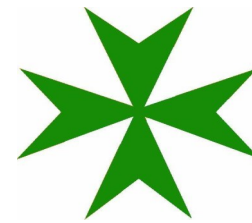
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Welcome, all wonders in one sight!

Eternity shut in a span.

Summer in Winter. Day in night.

Heaven in earth, and God in man.

*Great little one! Whose all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.*

(Robert Crashaw, 1613-1649)



God, our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge:
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



Lord our God, you sent your Son, the Light of the World,
into the darkness
which covered the earth and its peoples.
May the brightness of his rising
shine in the church,
so that the nations may walk towards the light,
Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.

Amen.