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Morning Prayers - 1113

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Peace - Blessings to you for <sup>1990</sup> 1987 - a happy, joyful, fruitful "New Year"! Peace was the message and blessing of the angels on the first Christmas night - and that was a new era beginning, not just a new calendar year. Today's the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, and a general holiday as well: very suitably. So let's begin our prayer today, in song: the angels' greeting, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth" - [this is the beginning of the "Gloria" in Charpentier's

Messe de Minuit 1<sup>st</sup>  
(c. 2:00) →

"Messe de Minuit", a Mass based on old French carol-tunes] MUSIC

PRAYERS (Rev. p248  
1 Jan intention)

We rejoice

in this time of Christmas in the coming of Christ to bring God's peace to the world, to us. We still have a lot to do to let that gift be fruitful, so that everyone might really share that peace: we must work and pray, pray and work for it, under God. So we rejoice that our King - Saviour has come to us MUSIC

Messiah 818

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aria from Handel's 'Messiah'. [ - here's a Catalan carol, to St. Stephen's Noel ] [ - A perhaps familiar ] The beginning of a new year is a good time to think of peace, to pray for peace - apart from the Christmas connection, and the Season's good-will, the very fact of pausing a while (as we now ritually do at this time) to look back on the year gone by and also forward to the year still wholly ahead is a gesture of peace and peacefulness. May this day be for each of us a new beginning, a new dedication to the work of God. May the year to come bring this peace to our hearts, to our families and homes, to our city and communities, to people everywhere. And may we become, too, instruments of this peace, channels through which the message of God is with us reaches people all around us. Let us pray for each other, too. [ And now in this song, based on the well-known one attributed to St. Francis - Carey Landry's "People of Peace"

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New Year Blessing end of Charpentier

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