

Adeste Fideles

(Music of Xmas 1)
[1:05]

For Christmas Day, next Monday: O Come All ye Faithful. 'Adeste Fideles' could, I suppose, also be translated "Be here, believers". Be here at the coming of Christ, at His Christmas birth, for His being born and coming to you this season and every time He comes. Be here, in hope and expectation, to welcome Christ at His coming: to welcome Him in the people you meet and remember, in those who give you their gifts of love and those to whom you give gifts too. And may your exchanging of gifts reflect and remind you of God's gift to you, of His love for you, of His Son born for you. "Today, in Him a new light has dawned upon the world; God has become one with man, and man has become one again with God. Your eternal word has taken upon himself our human weakness, giving our mortal nature immortal value. So marvellous is His oneness between God and man that in Christ man restores to man the gift of everlasting life."

Joy of Xmas 2⁷
[1:30]

MUSIC [Unto us is born]

O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: Come Lord Jesus. O King whom all the peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O Come and save man whom you made from clay. O Immanuel, you are our king and judge, the one whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord, our God.

Xmas at S. John's 2⁷
[3:35]

MUSIC [Sussex]

A card from Wales — and to follow it, one from Poland,

Jones 1⁷
[3:50]

sung in French

MUSIC [Dern Non Enfant]

PRAYER [BREV. 23 Dec p168]