

Blessed be that ADVENT PREFACE

Plain Mary  
[On Xmas Night  
1<sup>st</sup>]

As Christmas approaches and everyone gets more feverishly busy with shopping, getting - sending messages, preparations for how to spend the season, a little time for prayer and quiet, time to reflect about the Coming, about what all the fuss is really about (or should be).

Maybe it's a symptom of what Christmas has become that more people these days so away for the holiday days rather than spending them at home with family & friends — we can get too much of festivity of a certain kind. A pity if the best things of a season that's always had something of a pagan element in it should be discarded or muted because of some abuses. So the Advent time of religious preparation has its place in making Christmas a celebration that has a point and a meaning. And today, I'd like to share with you some thoughts from a few centuries ago, from a pastoral letter about Advent by St Charles Borromeo

QQ, Brev. (Non 1 Adv. p 53)

Sussex Carol  
(Joy of Xmas 2')

St Charles Borromeo. For music now, a carol of the season MUSIC

PRAYERS (Brev  
18-19  
151, 153)

Music for Church  
Year 1'

Now another, modern, song of Advent: 'People Look East' MUSIC

→ 702 (652/653) "O" Antiphons

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'Come Love Caroling'