



# Advent Vespers Devotional 2020

Friday, December 18  
Joy to the World, stanzas 1 & 2

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

— Isaac Watts, 1674 – 1748

Heavenly Father, King of kings, and Lord of lords - we give you thanks. Thank you, God, for sending Jesus your son. Your son, who is the living word; the word who became flesh. A perfect man to die and pay the price for the evils and crimes of the world. Thank you, Jesus. Blot out our transgressions and wash us from our sins as we present our hearts to you as a living sacrifice – the very broken hearts of an oppressed people, mourning the state of the world. Indeed, we have been mourning, for the world is in a time of darkness and bloodshed; but, we know you have overcome the world. Therefore, let us sing our hearts out to you. You have formed us from clay and breathed life into us, so let us use that very gift to glorify your name. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord; and let every person confess now that Jesus is Lord. Amen.

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