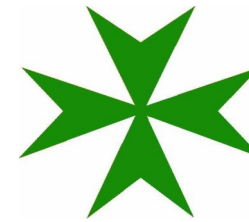


*A Bethléhem, dans une crèche,
Il vient de vous naître un Sauveur;
Allons, que rien ne vous empêche
D'adorer votre Rédempteur.
A Bethléhem, dans une crèche,
Il vient de vous naître un Sauveur.*

*Dieu tout puissant, gloire éternelle
vous soit rendue jusqu'aux cieux;
Que la paix soit universelle,
que la grâce abonde en tous lieux.
Dieu tout puissant, gloire éternelle
vous soit rendue jusqu'aux cieux.*



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We thank you, God our Father, for the message of peace that
Christmas brings to our distracted world.

As we remember the birth in Bethlehem of the Prince of
Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Give peace among the nations;

Peace in our land;

Peace in our homes;

Peace in our hearts.



Lord, help us to approach the Christmas story with a fresh
sense of wonder as we think of Jesus:

the Son of God, yet born of Mary;

the incarnate Word, yet a child without speech;

the Lord of Glory, yet a baby cradled in a manger.

Thanks be to you, O God, for your gift beyond words!

Moonless darkness stands between.

Past, O Past, no more be seen!

But the Bethlehem star may lead me

To the sight of Him who freed me

From the self that I have been.

Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy;

Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly;

Now beginning, and always:

Now begin, on Christmas day.

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1888)



At this Christmastide:

may the wisdom of the Wonderful Counsellor guide us,

the strength of the Mighty God defend us,

the love of the Everlasting Father enfold us,

and the peace of the Prince of Peace be upon us.

Amen