

I Come with Love

By Harry Connick

What was he saying?
Looking to her on the
Night of his birth?
What did he know, this baby?
Could she understand?
How did he know, this baby?
As she held his hand in hers

I come with love
I come with love
To worship and honor
My father above
And so with my eyes
I say to you
Softly and peacefully
I come with love

What was he feeling?
Knowing his time on earth
Wouldn't be long?
What did he think, this young man
In a world of sin?
What would he tell the strangers?
When he took them in his arms?

I come with love
I come with love
To worship and honor
My father above
And so with my words
I say to you
Softly and peacefully
I come with love

When he was dying
And his sweet mother was
There by his side
Who did he blame, this savior?
Sending him to death
She could hear it in a whisper
As he took his
Final breath

I come with love
I come with love
To worship and honor
My father above
And so with my heart
I say to you
Softly and peacefully
I come with love

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Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder

Let's Love the World to Peace

By Chris Vacca

Bishop Perez said in a recent homily that we should remember the past; celebrate the present; and imagine the future.

Remembering the Past for me means to look for examples I might hope to emulate. Pope Francis urges us to look to our brothers and sisters who came before us. The Holy Spirit worked through the saints and He is working through us today.

Celebrating the Present means ... to celebrate the “little” things that impact our lives and not dwelling on the negativity and sadness we see and hear daily. Celebrating daily blessings like the love of friends and family; the beauty of a rainbow; how blest I am to have food on my table and a roof over my head.

Imagining the Future challenges us to listen to the Holy Spirit to begin our journey to *Love the World to Peace*.

St. Benedict gives a bit of help here. He believed that we are better stewards of the world when we listen, attend to everyday things and respect all people.

The first thing he said was to **listen** – when we listen with our hearts, which is an act of love, we are more open to the Spirit working through us to understand not only the words being said but also helps us to be empathetic to the needs of each other.

Second is to **attend to everyday things** – dedicating ourselves to a quest for peace. Don't let quarrels grow. Make peace before the sun sets. Take stock of our blessings and share them with those around us.

The last thing St. Benedict said is probably the hardest – **respect all people**. There are no exceptions. St. Benedict taught that all people deserve respect because the goodness of God lives within the heart of every single one of us.

Reading

A Message from the Blessed Virgin Mary to Mirjana

Medjugorje, Sept. 2, 2018

My Son is the life of the world.

The more that you come to know Him —
the more that you come close to Him —
all the more you will love Him, because my Son is love.

Love changes everything; it makes most beautiful that which,
without love, seems insignificant to you.

That is why, anew, I am saying to you that you must love a lot if
you desire to grow spiritually.

In all the moments of the day, raise your soul to Him, and I will
gather your prayers as flowers from the most beautiful garden
and give them as a gift to my Son.

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...

