



CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

the meaning behind the music

Joy to the World (JOY) | Christmas Playlist Part 1



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Joy to the World

Isaac Watts

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love



Joy the world, the Lord is come.

Luke 2:8-10, Psalm 98:1-3, Psalm 98:3-9, Psalm 24:1

God loves the world.

A HEAVENLY GREETING:

Don't be discouraged, you are not forgotten.

1—We were cursed.

Our King is revealing His redemptive plan.

2—He was clear.

Join the intergalactic celebration.

3—They were quick.

Luke 2:9-14, Genesis 3:10, Luke 2:15-16



There is power in promptness.

God's strategy to overcome fear: be quick.

Joy to *Your* World!

"Don't be afraid!"

"What are you waiting for!"

1. What is your favorite Christmas carol?
2. Sing all four stanzas of “Joy to the World” with your group.

Read Psalm 98:1-9

3. What are some “marvelous things” that the Psalmist might have been thinking about?
4. What “marvelous things” has God done in your life? Share them with the group.
5. Pastor Tom mentioned three of the same highlights from both the Psalm and the song. How can they encourage you during this Christmas season?
6. How does Psalm 98:9 fit into the Christmas story, and how are both a cause for joyful celebration?
7. How can you help bring joy to your oikos this Christmas season?
8. Go around the group and share who are you inviting to a Christmas Eve service? Break up into smaller groups and pray for each of those people by name.

