

Before service video: Behold The Lamb Christmas Intro

The 12 Days of Christmas

Deut. 6:4-9

4. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
5. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
6. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.
7. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
8. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.
9. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Matthew 29:19 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Video: Twelve Days of Christmas

On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me Twelve Drummers Drumming

The twelve essential beliefs found in the Apostle's Creed:

- 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
- 3) I believe He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
- 4) I believe He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave].
- 5) I believe that on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- 6) I believe He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit,
- 8) I believe in the holy catholic Church,
- 9) I believe in the communion(common unity) of saints(Christians),
- 10) I believe in the forgiveness of sins,

- 11) I believe in the resurrection of the body,
- 12) I believe in life everlasting.

On the 11th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...Eleven Pipers Piping

The eleven Faithful Apostles:

- 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James. (Luke 6:14-16).

On the 10th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...Ten Lords A-leaping

The Ten Commandments:

(Exodus 20:1-17)

1. "You shall have no other gods before me.
2. "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.
3. "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
4. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
5. "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.
6. "You shall not murder.
7. "You shall not commit adultery.
8. "You shall not steal.
9. "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

10. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

On the 9th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...Nine Ladies Dancing

The nine Fruit of the Holy Spirit:

Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is 1)love, 2)joy, 3)peace, 4)patience, 5)kindness, 6)goodness, 7)faithfulness, 8)gentleness and 9)self-control. Against such things there is no law.

On the 8th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...Eight Maids A-milking

The eight Beatitudes:

(Matthew 5:3-10)

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

On the 7th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...Seven Swans A-swimming

The seven motivational gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Romans 12:6-8 - We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is 1) prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is 2) serving, let him serve; if it is 3) teaching, let him teach; if it is 4) encouraging, let him encourage; if it is 5) contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is 6) leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is 7) showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

On the 6th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...Six Geese A-laying

The six days of creation that confesses God as Creator and Sustainer of the world (Genesis 1).

On the 5th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Five Gold Rings

The first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch:

1) Genesis, 2) Exodus, 3) Leviticus, 4) Numbers, and 5) Deuteronomy, which gives the history of humanity's sinful failure and God's response of grace in the creation of a people to be a light to the world.

On the 4th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...Four Calling Birds

The Four Gospels:

1) Matthew, 2) Mark, 3) Luke, and 4) John

2 Cor.5:17-19 talks about this:

17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

18. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

19. that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

On the 3rd day of Christmas my true love gave to me...Three French Hens

The Three immovable pillars of the Christian life:

1) Faith, 2) Hope, and 3) Love

1 Corinthians 13:13 - And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

On the 2nd day of Christmas my true love gave to me...Two Turtle Doves

The Old and New Testaments,(covenants) which together bear witness to God's self-revelation in history and the creation of a people to tell the Story of God to the world.

Heb. 7:18- 22

18. The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless
19. (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

20. And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath,

21. but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: `You are a priest forever.'"

22. Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

On the 1st day of Christmas my true love gave to me...A Partridge in a Pear Tree

Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

Heb. 7:18- 28

23. Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;

24. but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

25. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

26. Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

27. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

28. For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Video: Mary did you know