

A Worship Minute.....

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... as I sang the lyrics to a song during a recent Advent service, I was silenced by the image of a victory we need do nothing but **join**.

‘Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

As we celebrate Christmas, the triumph the church worldwide invites the world to join is far bigger than our best Christmases and more real than our worst. There are generations of believers offering the same cries of victory shouted on the very first Christmas night:

“Christ was born! God came near. God is with us!”

The birth of Jesus was orchestrated at the hands of God long before the inn would be full or the shepherds would be in their fields by night. Long before my traditions would seem etched in stone, or my culture would remove the Nativity from the public arena.”