

# Quiet Day Resources

## Imagi Christi 2



## Sacred music for prayer and reflection

Here is a selection of Advent hymns and Christmas carols, for you to meditate on. What image of Jesus do we find in these hymns? Who is the Jesus that we meet in them and, how close are these images to the gospel Jesus? What images from scripture do these images of Jesus resonate with? You may choose a completely different hymn that is special to you.

### **Love divine, all loves excelling,**

Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art,  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast,  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find that second rest:  
Take away our power of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be,  
End of faith as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive,  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and sinless let us be,  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restor'd in thee;  
Chang'd from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Charles Wesley (1747)*

### **O come, o come, Emmanuel**

And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the son of god appear  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, o Israel.

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, o Israel.

O come, thou day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, o Israel.

O come, thou key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, o Israel.

O come, o come, thou lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times did'st give the law,  
In cloud, and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, o Israel.

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel.*

*John Mason Neale, translator (1861)*

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### **Hark! the herald angels sing**

Glory to the new-born King  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace  
Hail the Son of Righteousness  
Light and life to all he brings  
Risen with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King

*Charles Wesley (1739)*

### **Silent night, Holy night**

All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child  
Holy infant, tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, Holy night  
Shepherds quake, at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven above  
Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.

*Joseph Mohr & Franz Xaver Gruber (1818)*

### **O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,**

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels  
O come let us adore Him (x3)  
Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb,  
Very God, Begotten, not created.  
O come let us adore Him (x3)  
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
"Glory to God, In the highest!"  
O come let us adore Him (x3)  
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given,  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!  
O come let us adore Him (x3)  
Christ the Lord!

*Adeste Fideles (Latin)*

### **Joy to the world, the Lord is come**

Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing (x3)

Joy to the World, the Saviour reigns!  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy (x3)

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The light of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love (x3)

*Isaac Watts (1719)*

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## Contemporary images of Jesus from around the globe



Latin American images of the “Liberation Jesus”



Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, *A new heaven and a new earth* (1992)

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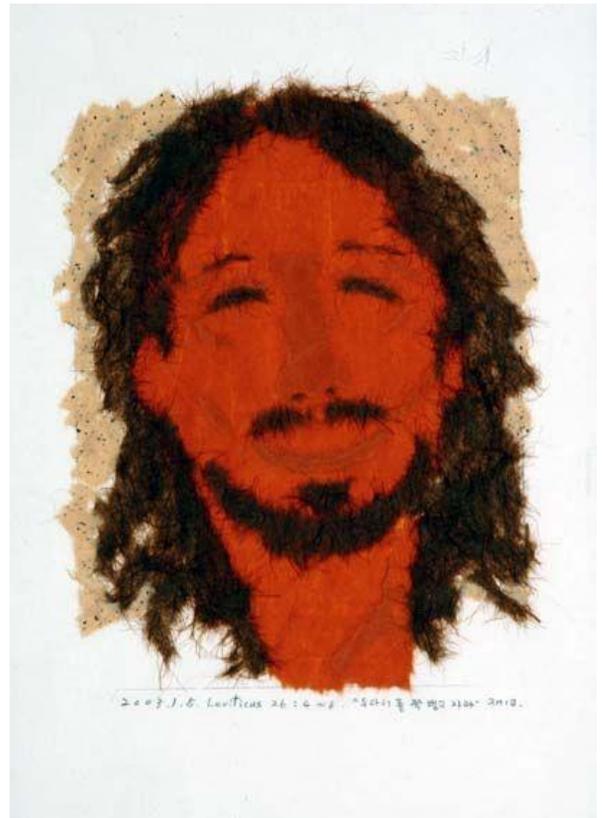
## Images of Jesus



Nathaniel Mokgosi, *Come, ye blessed* (1980)



Mairi Karl Feeger, *Jesus, the labourer* (2012)



Jae Im Kim, *Cheerful Jesus* (2012)

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## Images of Jesus



Alphonso Doss, *The first supper* (India)



Alphonso Doss, *The last supper* (India)

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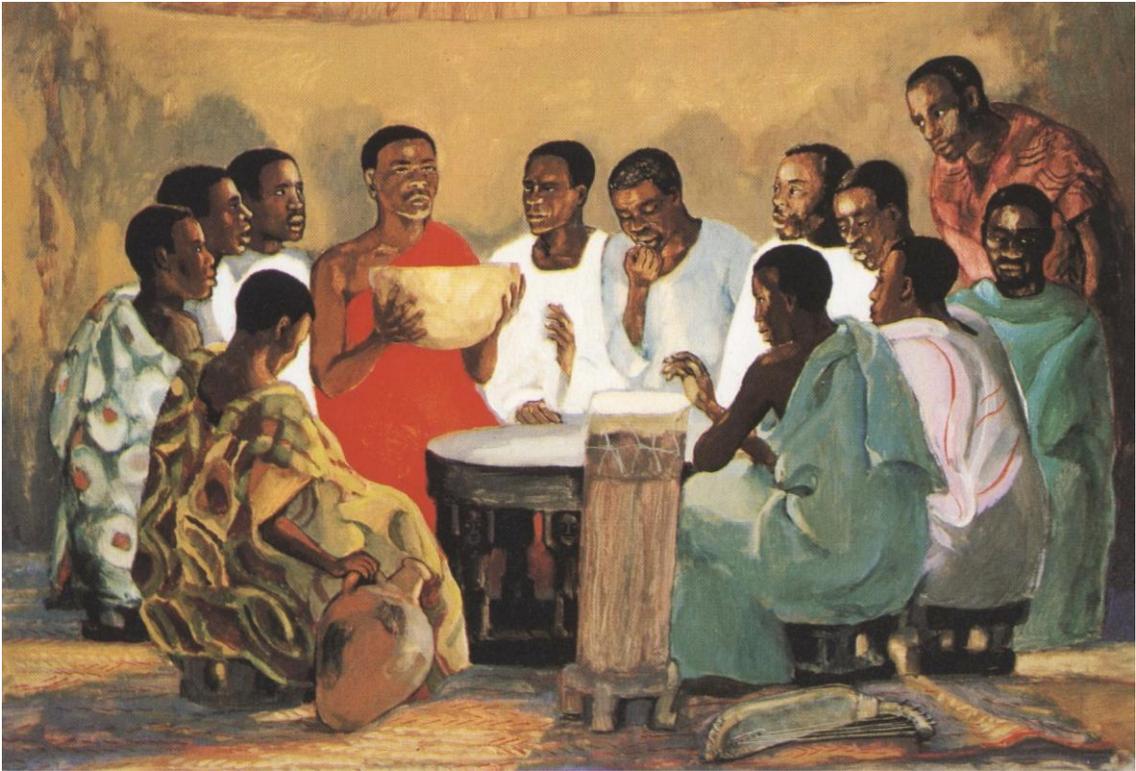
Lorna Wadsworth , *The Last Supper* (2009)



Detail of the painting.

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## Images of Jesus



Mafa People, *The Last Supper* (Cameroon)

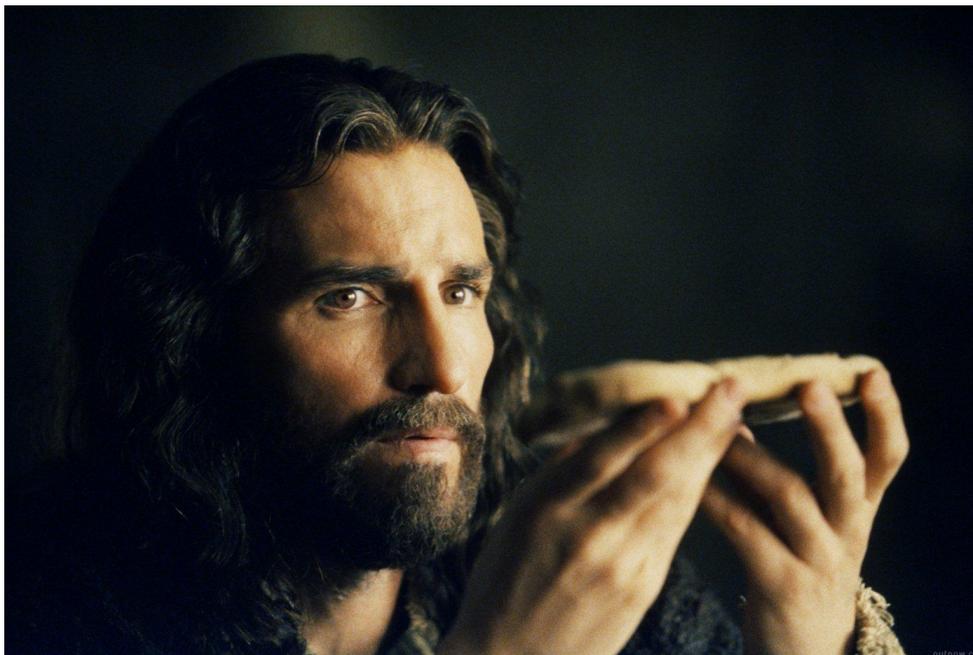


Image of the last supper from *The Passion of the Christ* (Mel Gibson)

## Images of Jesus



Master VEA, *Jesus carrying the cross* (c.15<sup>th</sup>)



Image of Jesus carrying the cross from *The Passion of the Christ* (Mel Gibson)

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William-Adolphe Bouguereau, *Pietà* (1876)



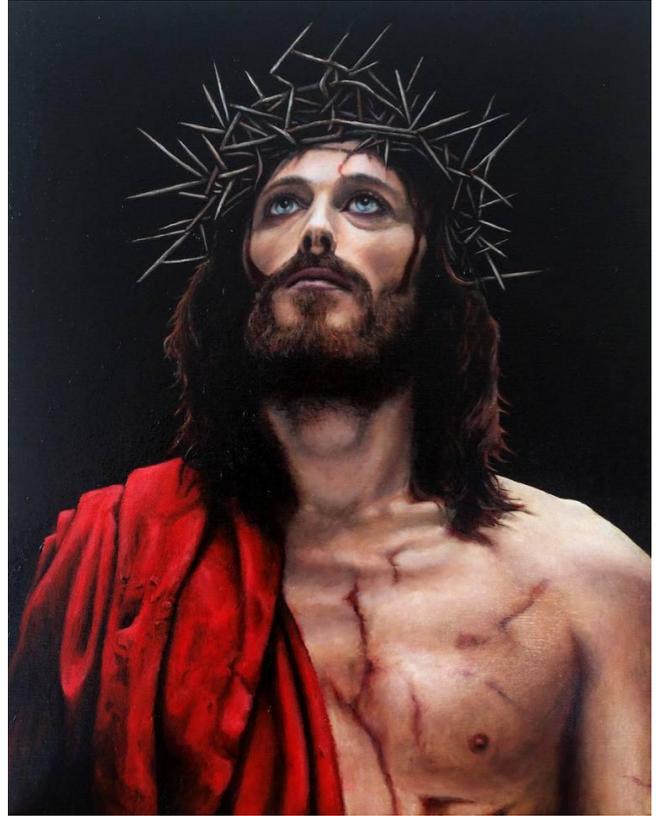
Image of Mary and Jesus (*Pietà*) from *The Passion of the Christ* (Mel Gibson)

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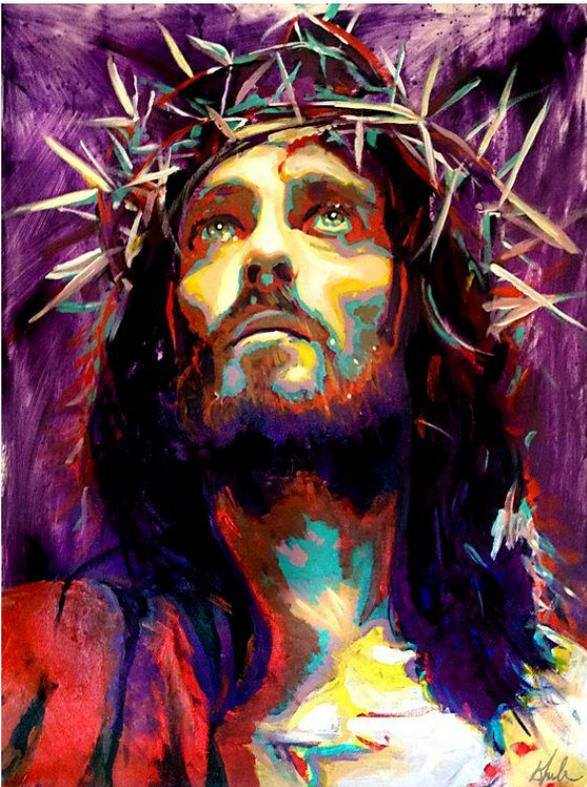
## Images of Jesus



Robert Powell as *Jesus of Nazareth*



Marcus Sprigens, *Jesus of Nazareth*



*Other contemporary depictions of Jesus inspired by the TV series Jesus of Nazareth.*

## The Peasants' Creed (Nicaragua)

I firmly believe, Lord,  
that from your prodigious mind  
this entire world was born.  
That from your artist's hand beauty flourished  
and all life: the stars and the moon,  
hamlets, lakes, and lagoons,  
fishing boats sailing on the river to the sea,  
The vast coffee plantations  
The white cotton fields, even the forests  
destroyed by the cruel human axe.

*I believe in you, architect, engineer,  
artisan, carpenter, builder and ship owner.  
I believe in you, creator of thought,  
of music and wind, of peace and love.*

I believe in you, working Christ,  
Light of light and only-begotten Son of God.  
In order to save the world  
in Mary's humble and pure womb  
you became flesh.  
I believe that you were beaten ,  
brutally tortured, and killed on a cross,  
whilst Pilate was governor,  
the colonial Roman leader,  
the bloody and soul-less man,  
who washing his hands  
tried to exonerate this crime.

I believe in you my Friend,  
human Christ, working Christ,  
who defeated death on earth.  
With your immense sacrifice  
you gave birth to a new humanity  
that works for liberation.  
You are risen and rising in each arm that rises  
to defend the people from the exploiting  
powers of this world.  
For you are alive in the farms,  
at the factories and in the schools,  
I believe in your relentless struggle,  
I believe in your resurrection.

Creo señor firmemente,  
que de tu pródiga mente  
todo este mundo nació.  
Que de tu mano de artista de pintor primitivista  
la belleza floreció: las estrellas y la luna  
las casitas las lagunas, los barquitos navegando  
sobre el río rumbo al mar,  
los inmensos los cafetales,  
los blancos algodinales,  
y los bosques mutilados por el hacha criminal.

*Creo en vos, arquitecto, ingeniero,  
artesano, carpintero, albañil y armador.  
Creo en vos, constructor de pensamiento,  
de la música y el viento, de la paz y del amor*

Yo creo en vos Cristo obrero,  
Luz de luz y verdadero unigénito de Dios,  
que para salvar al mundo  
en el vientre humilde y puro  
de María se encarnó.  
Creo que fuiste golpeado,  
con escarnio torturado,  
en la cruz martirizado,  
siendo Pilatos pretor,  
el romano imperialista, puñetero desalmado  
que lavándose las manos  
quiso borrar el error.

Yo creo en Ti compañero,  
Cristo humano, Cristo obrero  
de la muerte vencedor,  
con el sacrificio inmenso  
engendraste el hombre nuevo  
para la liberación,  
siempre estás resucitando en cada brazo  
que se alza para defender al pueblo  
del dominio explotador,  
porque estás vivo en el rancho,  
en la fábrica, en la escuela,  
creo en tu lucha sin tregua,  
creo en tu resurrección.