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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Silent Night, Holy Night
All is calm, all is bright!

We are living in a world where all is not calm, all is not bright! And yet, we come to this Christmas day when we are singing songs and carols and hymns that proclaim goodness and peace and love. How can we reconcile this with what we see around us? It is easy to reject what we cannot see, refuse the hope that comes with the birth of our Lord and Savior.

But hope and love are exactly what we need at this time. We need to hope that there is a redemption that can bring us new life. We need the love of someone greater than us who can lift us into a new world where all is calm and all is bright!

O that birth for ever blessed, When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Saviour of our race;
 And the Babe, the world's redeemer,
 First revealed his sacred face,
 Evermore and evermore!

Into a world filled with darkness and pain, a Savior has been born, who is Christ the Lord. Mother Mary, in her faithfulness to God, brought forth into this world a son, the son of the Almighty God. In her faithfulness, she raised him up to be a man. In her faithfulness, she watched him die on the hard wood of the cross, taking our sins upon himself. In her faithfulness, she saw him risen from the dead, offering to this world a new life, filled with love, filled with hope.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us always remember that incredible love God has for us, that he would give his only Son, not that the world might be condemned, but that we might all be saved through Him!

Merry Christmas to one and all in this blessed season of love, of life, of redemption.

Your brother and bishop,

Alexander Webb