

**Spiritual Communion Meditation**  
**Christmas Eve 2020**

Oh, Holy night! The stars are brightly shining!

At the Passover seder, a wonderful question is asked – “Why is this night different from all other nights?” and here WE, on this most Holy Night, are asking the same question: “Why is this night different from all other nights?”

This gift of our Spiritual Communion tells us why this night is different from all other nights. As we heard in the hymn, O Holy Night: . . . . “It is the night of our dear Savior’s birth! And now our SOUL feels its worth!”

A thrill of hope ... the weary world rejoices...  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.”

We thank you Lord for this gift, this most precious Christmas gift of God in Jesus Christ in our lives. That’s how much you love us!

In the hymn known as St. Patrick’s Breastplate we pray:

I ARISE TODAY  
Through the Strength of Heaven

Through God’s Strength to Pilot Me; God’s Eye to Look Before Me; God’s Wisdom to Guide Me;  
God’s Way to Lie Before Me; God’s Shield to Protect Me.  
Christ is with me; Christ before me; Christ behind me; Christ within me; Christ beneath me;  
Christ above me; Christ on my right; Christ on my left; Christ when I lie down; Christ when I sit  
down; I ARISE TODAY!

That is the gift of our Spiritual Communion this Holy Night, different from all other nights. We arise to a New Day! Thank you Lord!

Amen