

The Real Story of the Twelve Days of Christmas

INTRODUCTION BY PASTOR

Opening Hymn: "Joy to the World" (Hymnal #62)

EXPLANATION OF SEASONS

Song: "Let All Together Praise Our God" (Hymnal #41)

AN OVERVIEW OF THE TWELVE DAY SEASON



DAY 1 (Christmas Day) – A Partridge in a Pear Tree

Song: "What Child Is This?" (Hymnal #67)

DAY 2 (December 26) – Two Turtle Doves

Song: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" (Hymnal #56)

DAY 3 (December 27) – Three French Hens

Song: "We Three Kings" (on the screen)

DAY 4 (December 28) – Four Calling Birds

DAY 5 (December 29) – Five Gold Rings

DAY 6 (December 30) – Six Geese-a-laying

Song: "Peace Came to Earth" (on the screen)

DAY 7 (December 31) – Seven Swans-a-swimming

DAY 8 (January 1) – Eight Maids-a-milking

DAY 9 (January 2) – Nine Ladies Dancing

DAY 10 (January 3) – Ten Lords-a-leaping

Song: "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" (Hymnal #34)

DAY 11 (January 4) – Eleven Pipers Piping

Song: "Once in Royal David's City" (Hymnal #50)

DAY 12 (January 5) – Twelve Drummers Drumming

Song: *The Twelve Days of Christmas*

(Let's join in singing this song from the twelfth day down. Sing just the words in bold print—the actual gifts; their meanings are provided that you may remember them.)

On the 12th Day of Christmas my True Love gave to me:

- 12 Drummers Drumming**.....(The 12 essential truths in the Creed that keep Christians moving steadily forward in the faith)
11 Pipers piping.....(The 11 apostles proclaiming the Gospel to the world)
10 Lords a leaping.....(The 10 Commandments - Exodus 20)
9 Ladies dancing.....(The 9-fold “fruit of the Spirit” - Galatians 5:22-23)
8 Maids a-milking.....(The 8 Beatitudes - Matthew 5:3-10)
7 Swans a-swimming.....(The 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit - Romans 12:6-8)
6 Geese a-laying.....(The 6 days of Creation - Genesis 1)
5 Five golden rings.....(The 5 books of Moses)
4 Calling birds.....(The 4 Gospels of Scripture)
3 French hens.....(The 3 precious virtues, Faith, Hope, and Love, the three gifts of the Magi)
2 Turtle doves.....(The Old and New Testaments)
And a Partridge in a pear tree.....(Jesus enduring our pain on the cross)

The Offering

*The members of Christ the Rock give an offering
to support God's mission within our congregation and beyond.
If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to support this ministry.
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Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (Hymnal #61)

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