



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palisades

“The Gift Only You Can Give”

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec 24th 2025

Rev. Sonia Ketchian & Rev. Rev. Pippa Jones

PRELUDE - IZALELWE INDODANA - A South African Christmas Song

WELCOME, Rev. Sonia

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT Rev. Pippa

CALL TO MINDFULNESS - Rev. Sonia

CHALICE LIGHTING - Rev. Sonia

WELCOME NEW ATTENDEES - Rev. Sonia

MEDITATION - An Invitation To Silence On This Holy Night - \Rev. Sonia

HYMN O Holy Night - Celine Dion

REFLECTION - Birthing the Christ Within - Rev. Pippa

READING - Come Christmas! by Maureen Killoran - Shared by Arlene Holpp Scala

INTERLUDE -HYMN - What Child is This?

SERMON - “The Gift Only You Can Give” Rev. Sonia

OFFERING PLATE - <https://uucpalisades.org/product/make-a-donation-to-uucp/>

CANDLE LIGHTING - Rev. Pippa

HYMN # 251 Silent Night - Annie Lennox

CHALICE EXTINGUISHING - Rev. Pippa

Closing Words - Rev. Sonia

ANNOUNCEMENTS - President Arlene Holpp Scala

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LYRICS -

## **SIZALELWE INDODANA - A South African Christmas Song**

Language: IsiZulu (South Africa)

“Sizalelwe Indodana  
Igama layo nguJesu  
Iyo yodwa, Iyo yodwa, Iyo yodwa Umsindisi.”

English Translation:

Unto us a Son/Saviour is born  
His name is Jesus  
He alone, He alone, He alone is the Redeemer.

### **What Child Is This**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise a song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

### **O HOLY NIGHT**

O holy night  
The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
Oh, hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
Oh, the night when Christ was born  
O night divine  
Oh, night  
Oh night divine  
Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace

Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful raise we  
With all within hearts we praise His holy name  
Christ is the Lord  
Then ever, ever praise we  
Noel  
Noel  
Oh night, o night divine  
Noel  
Noel  
Oh night, o night divine  
Noel  
Noel  
Ooh, ooh holy night

### **Silent Night**

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ, the Savior is born  
Christ, the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, loves pure light  
Radiant beams, Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
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