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**Carol** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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**Lighting of the Chalice** This Night of Mystery  
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**Carol** Silent Night

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