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By the President of the United States: A Proclamation

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggressions, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. Lincoln". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the main body of the proclamation.

By the President: William H. Seward, Secretary of State.



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MUSIC NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 27

This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent, when we prepare for the coming of our Lord.

This week's service will open with the ancient hymn, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. The tune has been sung for over a millennium, originally intoned by monks in the 8th century.



Clarkson.

It is one of the most popular Advent hymns, and has been used by scores of composers over the centuries. Ottorino Respighi (1879-1936) quoted the melody in "The Gift of the Magi" movement of his *Three Botticelli Pictures*. The tune also found its way into Samuel Barber's (1910-1981) *Die Natale*. More recent renditions include U2's 2009 song *White as Snow* and Kelly Clarkson's version in her 2013 holiday album, *Wrapped in Red*.

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WORSHIP THIS WEEK

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

PSALM 122

MATTHEW 24:36-44

SERMON: INCONCEIVABLE?

This Week in History.



New Jersey is the first state to Ratify the Bill of Rights - the first ten amendments to the US Constitution.

November 20, 1789



While searching for a sea route to India.

Portuguese navigator Vasco Da Gama leads a fleet of four ships on the first journey around the Cape of Good Hope.

November 22, 1497



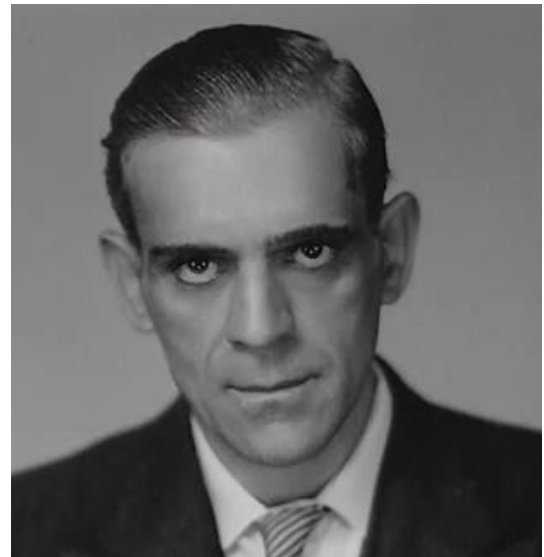
Following the Philippine Senate's rejection of lease renewals in 1991, U.S. military forces turn Clark Air Base and Naval Base Subic Bay to the Philippines after nearly a century of military presence.

November 24, 1992



Jean Francois Pilatre de Rozier & Marquis Francois Laurent d'Arlandes ascend using a Montgolfier Brothers balloon for the first free balloon flight. The flight lasts about 25 minutes and carries them nearly six miles at an altitude of about 300 feet over Paris.

November 21, 1783



William Henry Pratt is born in London, England. He began his stage career in Canada, taking the name 'Boris Karloff' to avoid embarrassment to his family, many of whom were in the British Foreign service. He is perhaps best known for the role of The Monster in 1931's

Frankenstein, his 82nd film.

November 23, 1887



British forces vacate New York city, bringing to an end the American Revolution.

November 25, 1783