

The Longest Night

Time to remember | Time to dream
December 21, 2022 @ 8p ET | 7p CT | 6p MT | 5p PT

Gathering Time

Entering the Longest Night
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
David Wood, guitar

Welcome and Orienting
Eileen Campbell-Reed

Musical Invocation
The Longest Night
Peter Mayer, guitar

Reflection on Love & Loss
Eileen Campbell-Reed

A Litany of Remembrance
Adam DJ Brett and Erin Robinson Hall

Music for Letting Go
Let it Fall
Over the Rhine

Children's Book

God's Holy Darkness
by Beckah Selnick & Sharei Green
Illustrated by
Nikki Faison

A Prayer for Loss and Longing
and Love
Eileen Campbell-Reed

Music for Reflection
Silent Night
David Wood, guitar

Closing Benediction
Gaelic Blessing
Eileen Campbell-Reed

Music for Departing
Good King Wenceslas
David Wood, guitar

Thank you to David Wood for recording music
for the Longest Night.



A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Erin: We light this first candle to remember those whom we have loved and lost. We pause to remember clearly, their faces, their voices, their bodies.

We embrace and give thanks for the memories that bind them to us in this season of expectation, when all Creation waits for the Light.

All: We remember.
A period of silent reflection

Adam: We light this second candle to remember the pain of loss: loss of relationships, loss of trust, loss of jobs, loss of health, loss of faith, the loss of joy. We acknowledge and embrace the pain of the past, O God, and we offer it to You, asking that into our wounded hearts and open hands You will place the gift of peace, shalom.

All: We remember.
A period of silent reflection

Erin: We light this third candle to remember ourselves during this Christmas time. We pause and remember the past weeks, months, and for some of us years, that have been heavy with our burdens. We accept and lay before you, God, the sharpness of memory, the sadness and grief, the hurt and fear, the anger and pain.

We accept and lay before you the ways we feel we have fallen short, and the times we have spent blaming ourselves, and you, for all that we have suffered. We accept and lay before you the time we have walked alone with knowledge of our own mortality.

All: We remember.

Erin: Though we have journeyed far, feeling lost, or turned away from the light, the light itself has not failed.

A period of silent reflection

Adam: We light this fourth candle to remember faith, the gift of light and hope that God offers to us in the stories of Hanukkah and of Christmas, which both also began in abandonment, insecurity, and humbleness, in a time of war and in a poor stable.

We remember that the loving God who kept the light shining in the temple and who came to share this life with us, and who promises us comfort and peace.

All: We remember.

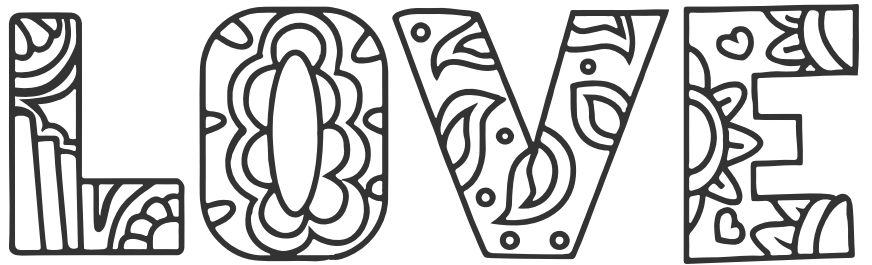
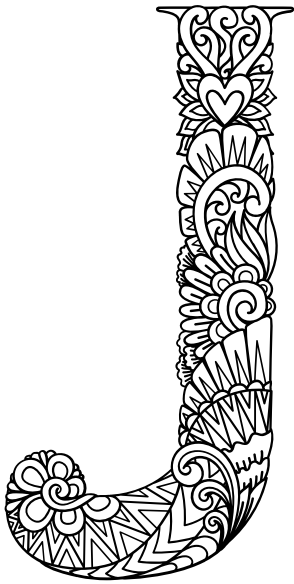
Erin: We thank you, O God, for sharing our burdens, showing us the pathway, and journeying with us into all our tomorrows.
Amen.

The litany is adapted from [a Blue Christmas liturgy used at The Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew, Honolulu, Hawaii.](#)

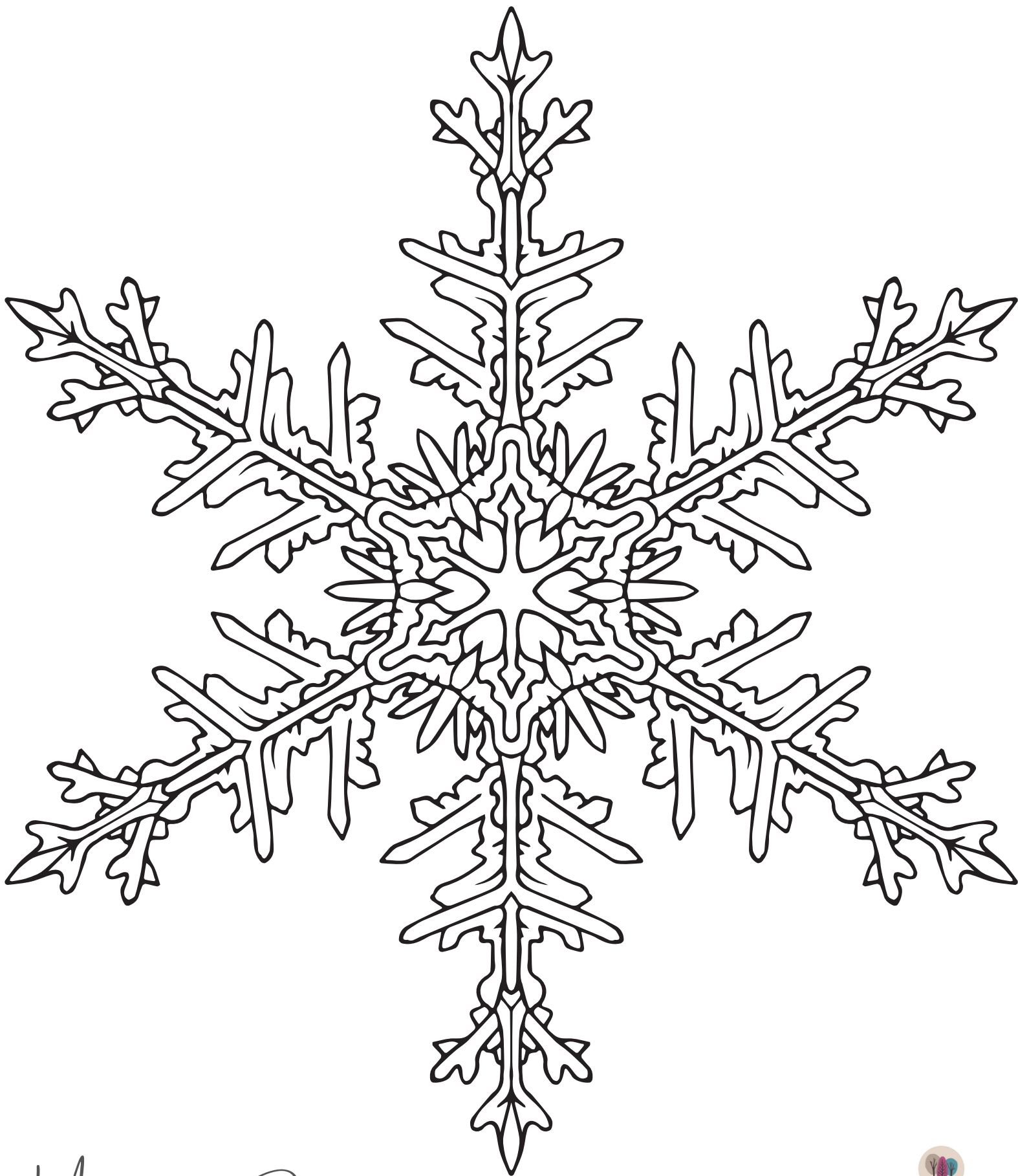




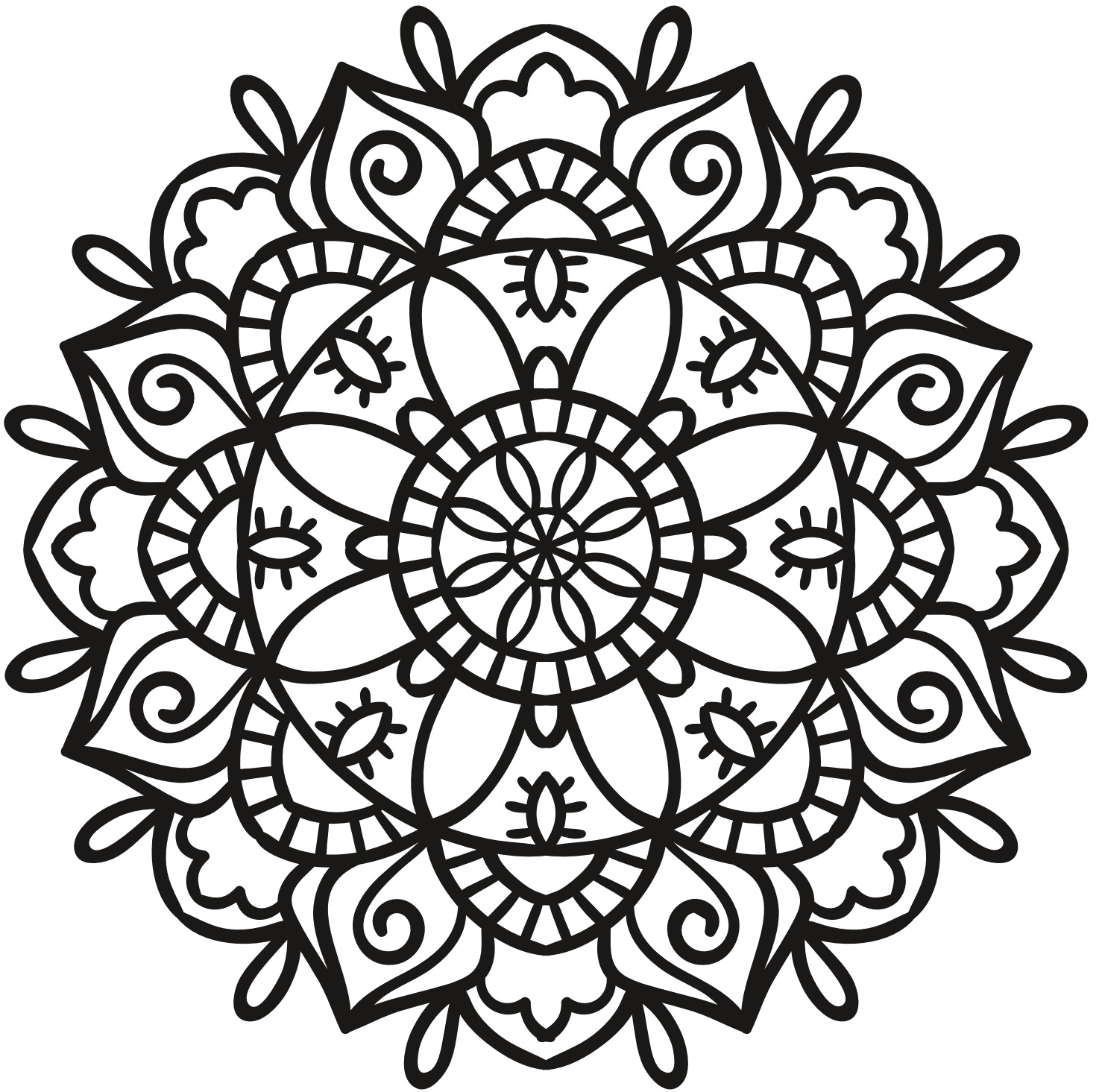
Longest Night ... let it fall.



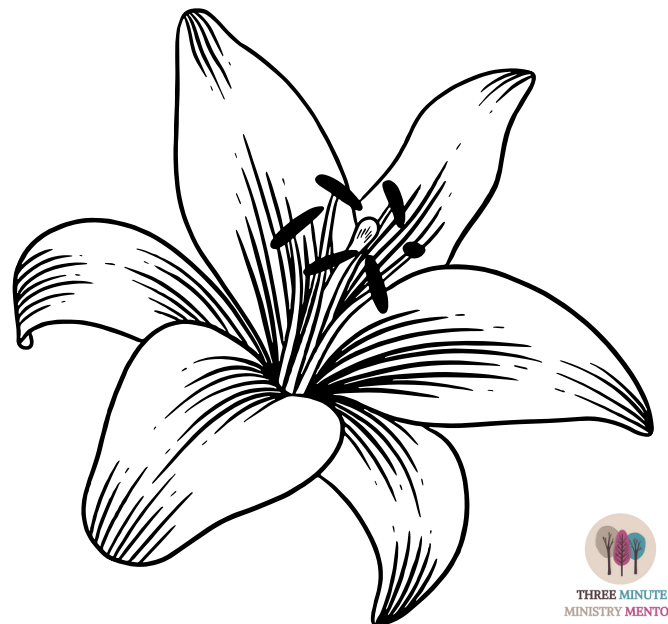
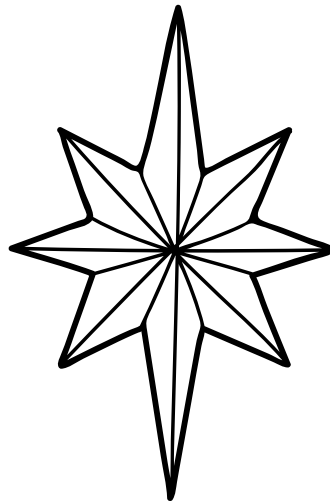
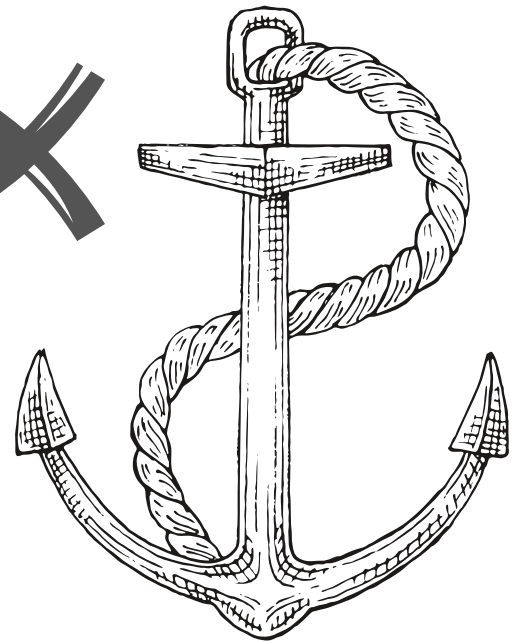
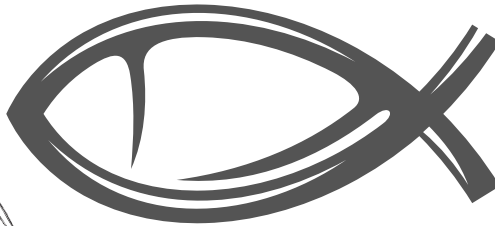
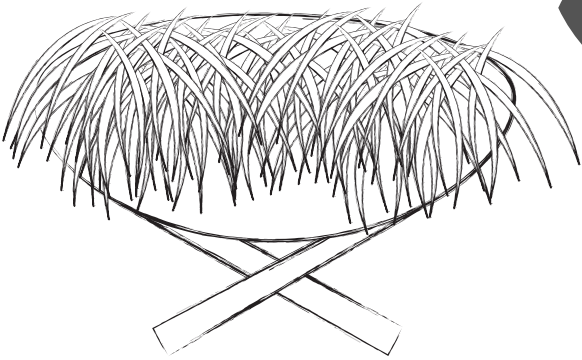
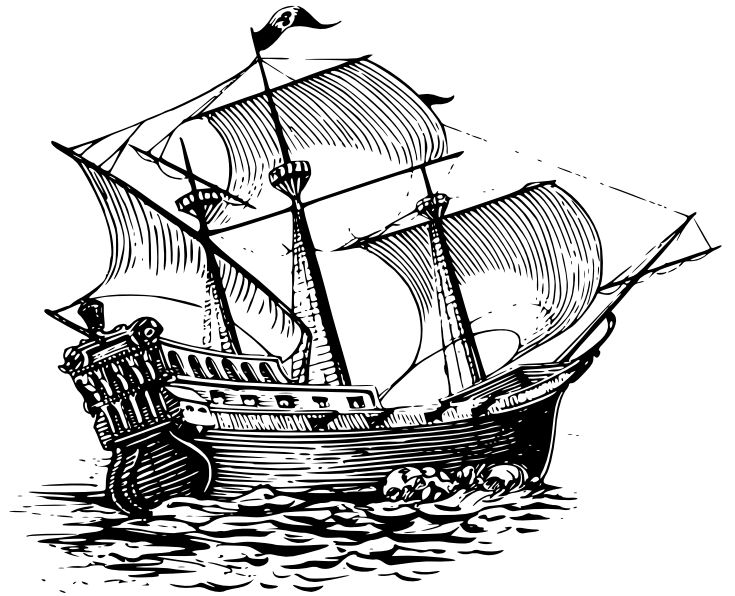
Advent Doodles



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Mandala Doodles 2



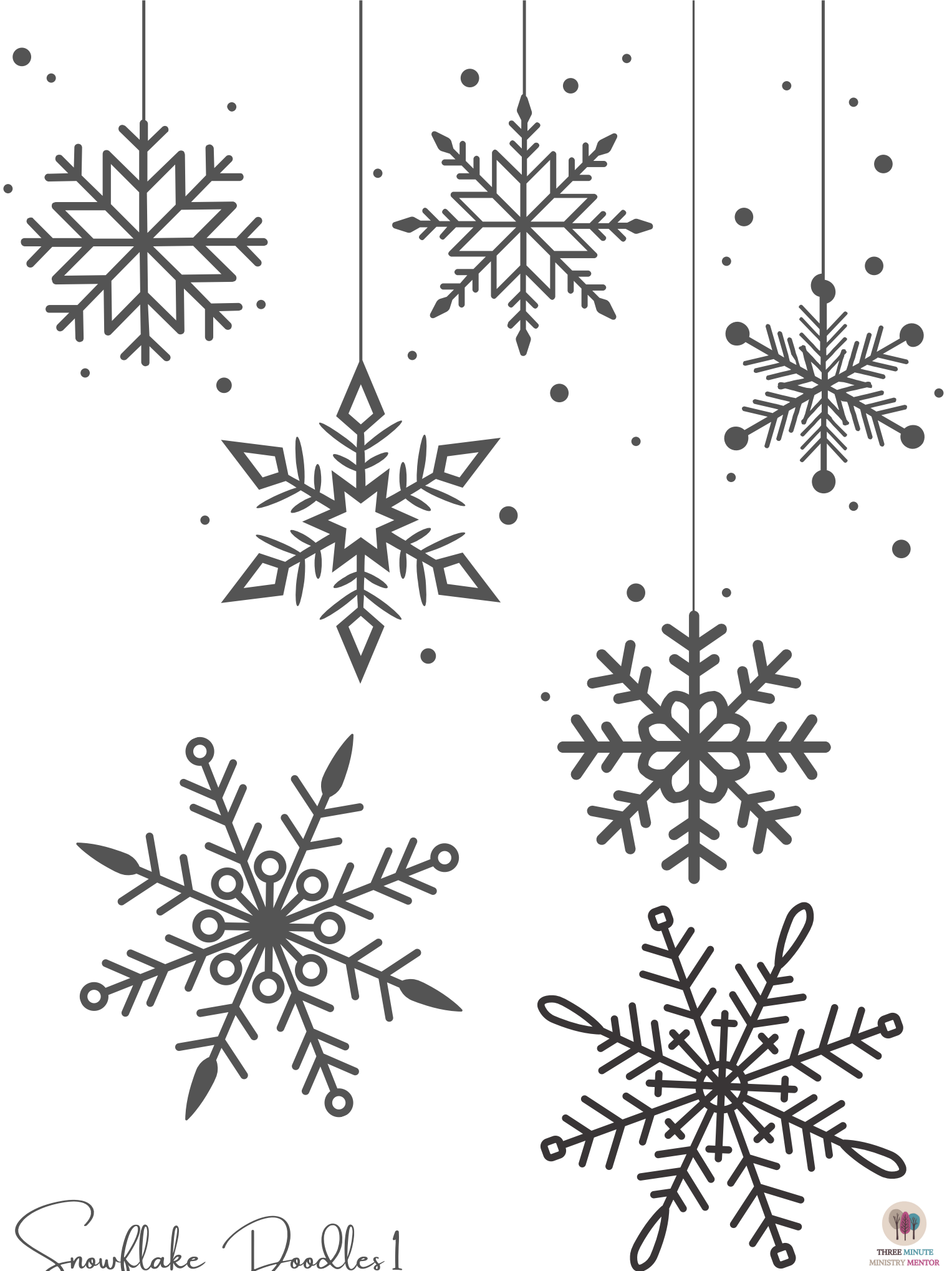
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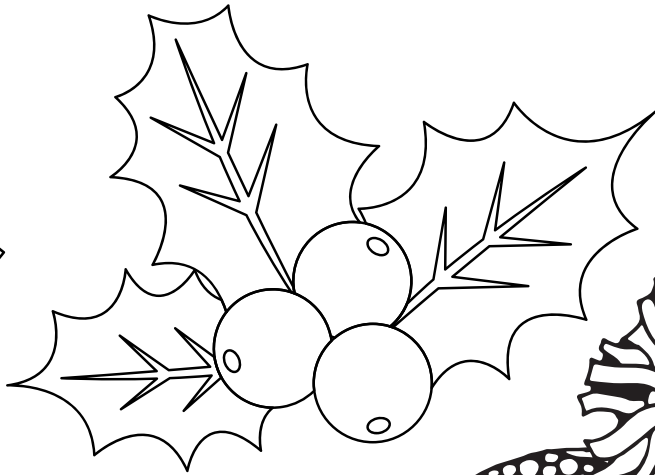
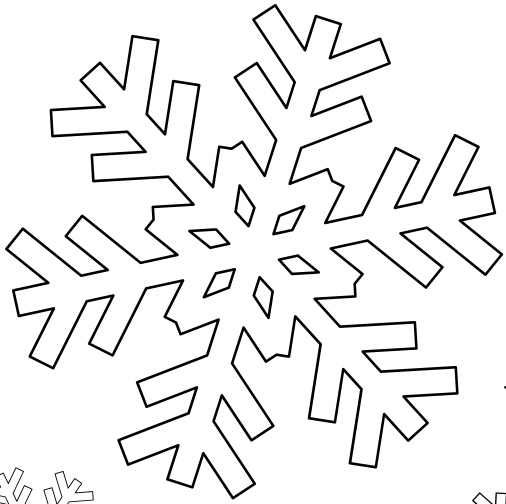
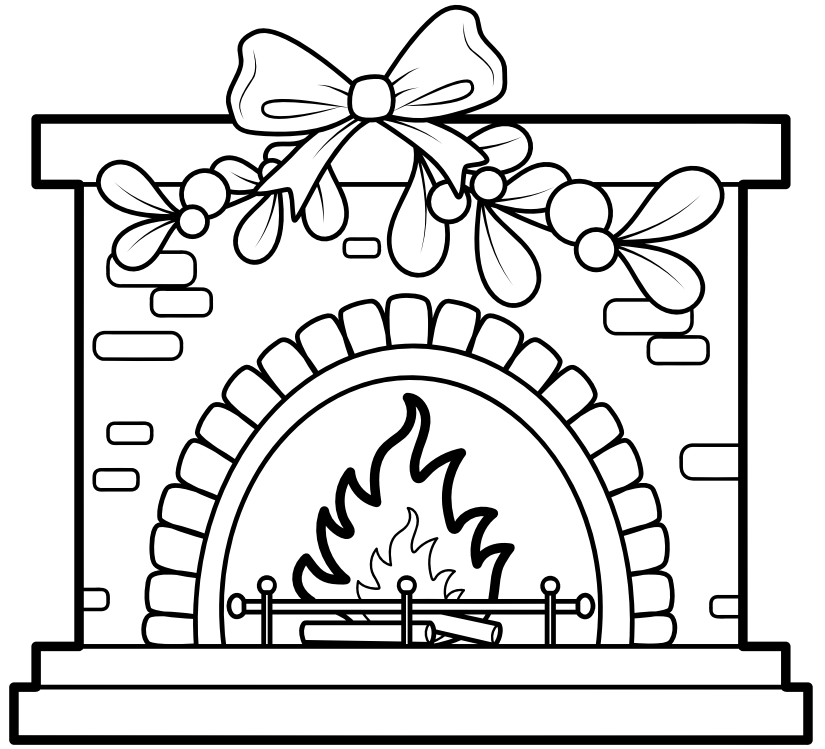
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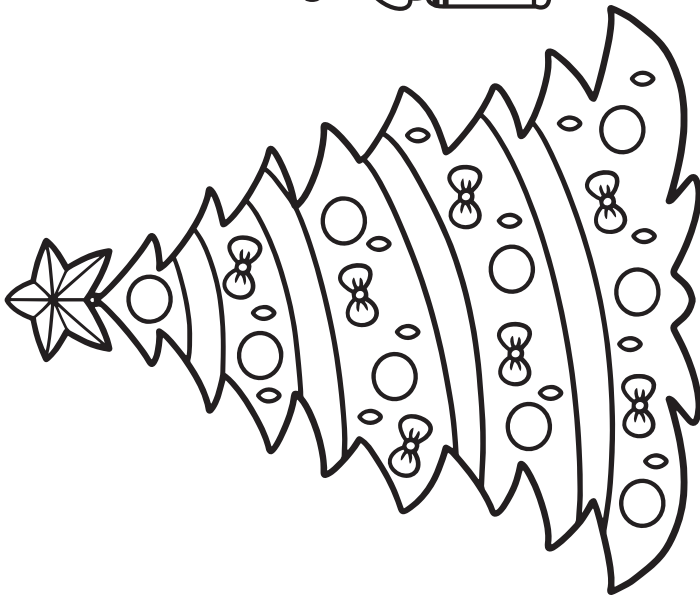
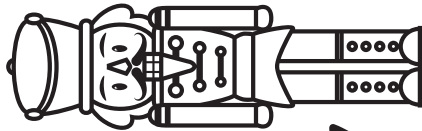
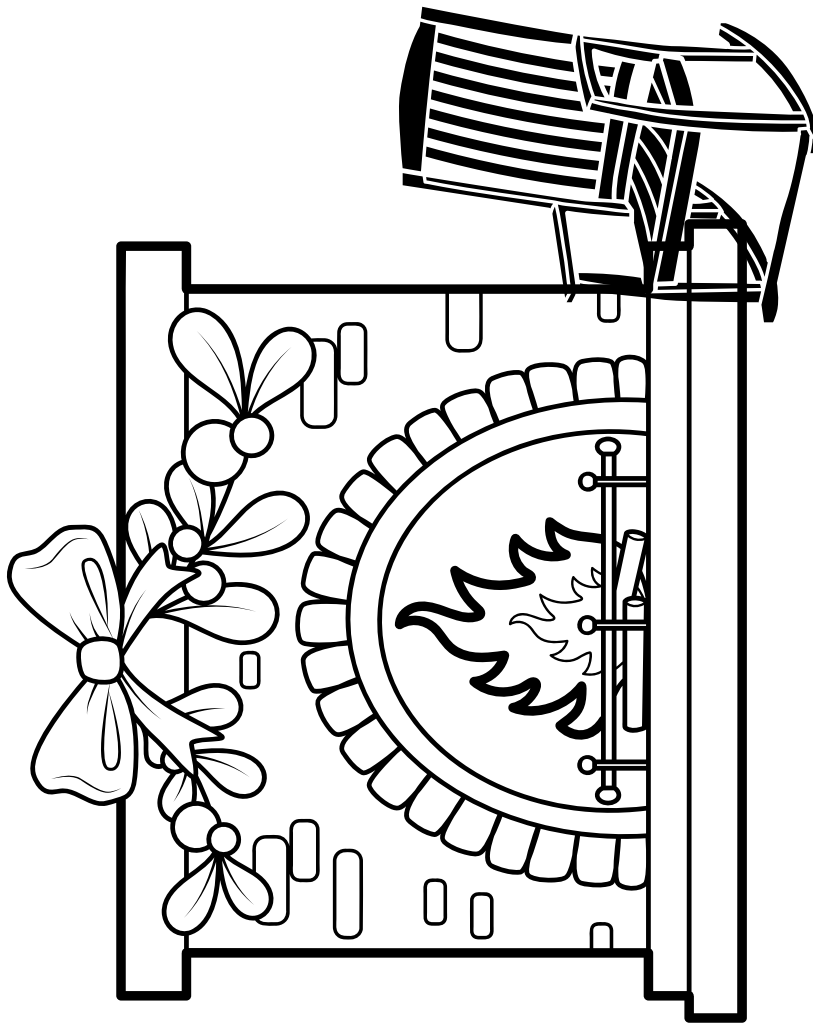
Mandala Doodles 3



Snowflake Doodles 1



Kids' Coloring 1



Kids' Coloring 2