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**HISS GOLDEN MESSENGER TO RELEASE *O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL*,
A CONTEMPLATIVE HOLIDAY ALBUM
OUT THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 ON MERGE RECORDS**

**ALBUM INCLUDES COVERS OF SONGS BY SPIRITUALIZED, WOODY GUTHRIE
AND CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL, TRADITIONALS AND ORIGINALS
INCLUDING THE NEW TRACK “GRACE” [LISTEN HERE](#)**

“Rarely do songwriters who release original music so often manage to make each release feel as necessary as Taylor....” – Rolling Stone

Nashville, TN – Critically acclaimed, Grammy-nominated artist Hiss Golden Messenger will release a new kind of holiday album with *O Come All Ye Faithful* (Merge Records) this Friday, October 22nd. Listen to the soulful folk of the Hiss Golden Messenger holiday original “Grace” [HERE](#). *O Come All Ye Faithful* CD and LP pre-orders are shipping out now from the Merge store, as well as the limited-edition Peak Vinyl which includes a 12-inch featuring dub remixes of six tracks from the LP.

Of the new track, Hiss Golden Messenger’s M.C. Taylor had this to say: *“‘Grace’ is about keeping a light for those that are struggling or lost or confused or grieving: the gone ones, our children, poets, teachers. My friends Nathaniel Rateliff, Aoife O’Donovan and Sonyia Turner help me on the choruses.”*

Conceptualized and written during the chaotic fall months of 2020, *O Come All Ye Faithful* is a meditation on grace, loss, hope and community. Hiss Golden Messenger leader, songwriter and vocalist M.C. Taylor talks about the inspiration for *O Come All Ye Faithful*: “Big, brash holiday music—the type that we hear in big-box stores in the middle of December—has never resonated with me, and this past year it felt absolutely dissonant. I wanted to make a seasonal record that felt more in step with the way that I, and so many others, experience this time of year: quiet, contemplative, searching and bittersweet.” Taylor adds, *“The intention was to make a seasonal record with vibe.”* Taylor shares more thoughts about the inspiration for *O Come All Ye Faithful* in this personal [NOTE](#).

Contributors to *O Come All Ye Faithful* include members of Hiss Golden Messenger’s extended family, as well as special guests that include Grammy Award-winner Aoife O’Donovan, Nathaniel Rateliff, Erin Rae and Buddy Miller.

O Come All Ye Faithful features three new songs written by Taylor, traditional classics, and new renditions of “Shine a Light” by Spiritualized, “As Long As I Can See the Light” by Creedence Clearwater Revival and “Hanukkah Dance” by Woody Guthrie, all arranged in the distinctive Hiss Golden Messenger style. See full track listing below.

O Come All Ye Faithful comes on the heels of the widely acclaimed album *Quietly Blowing It*, which was released in June 2021. *Quietly Blowing It* garnered critical praise with four-star reviews running throughout the US and overseas, including *Rolling Stone*, *American Songwriter*, *MOJO*, *The Guardian*, *The Independent* and more. Positive coverage ran in *The New York Times*, *The Associated Press*, *Consequence*, *No Depression* and much more. Hiss Golden Messenger appeared on *CBS Saturday Morning* and was the subject of a feature segment on [NPR Weekend Edition](#). View [Press Highlights](#).

Click [HERE](#) to pre-order *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Catch Hiss Golden Messenger on tour this winter & spring.
For a full list of dates, [Click Here](#).

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL – TRACK LISTING

“Hung Fire”

Written by M.C. Taylor

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

“Grace”

Written by M.C. Taylor

“By the Lights of St. Stephen”

Written by M.C. Taylor

“Shine a Light”

Written by Jason Pierce (Spiritualized)

“Joy to the World”

“Silent Night”

“Hanukkah Dance”

Written by Woody Guthrie

“As Long As I Can See the Light”

Written by John Fogerty (Creedence Clearwater Revival)

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