

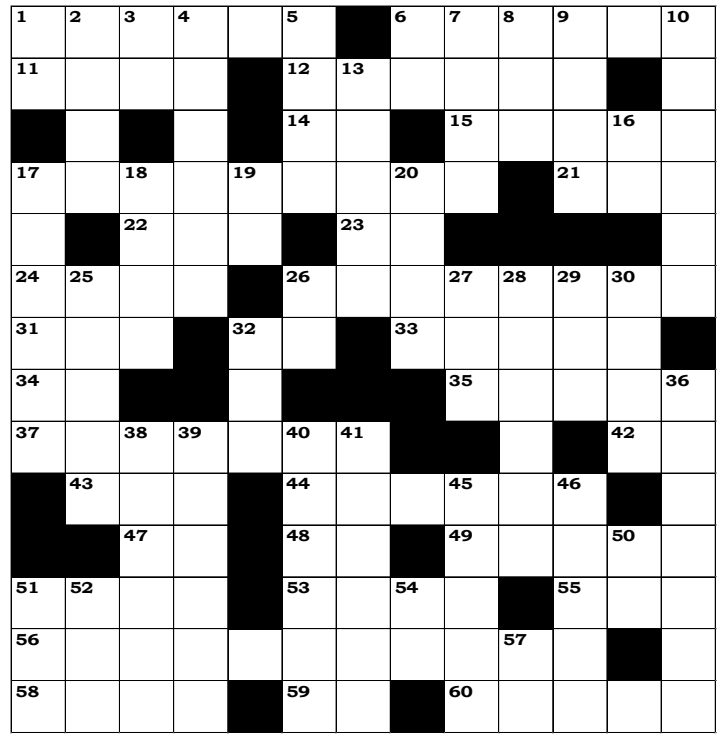
Puzzle #773

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ACROSS

1. Translated into at least 300 languages, designated by UNESCO as a treasured item of Intangible Cultural Heritage, arranged in dozens of musical _____, from heavy metal to gospel, "Silent Night" has become a perennial part of Christmas.
6. A repeated word to rid the mind of distractions & to help focus, esp. in Buddhist meditation or as a prayer word in Christian Centering Prayer.
11. Sister of Martha and Lazarus (John 11:1-2).
12. Fr. Mohr's congregation was poverty-stricken, _____ and traumatized. So, he crafted a set of six poetic verses to convey hope that there was still a God who cared.
14. _____ *cum spiritu tuo*.
15. "Heaven and _____ will pass away, but my words will not pass away," (Matthew 24:35).
17. In the fall of 1816, Fr. Mohr's congregation in the little Austrian town of Maripharr was reeling. 12 years of war had _____ the country's political and social infrastructure.
21. Letters meaning "outside of"; used before words such as skeleton or biology.
22. Halloween _____ month

- (abbr.).
23. Abbr. meaning in English, for example.
 24. Friends.
 26. Fr. Mohr, a gifted violinist and guitarist, could have composed the music for his poem. Instead he sought help from his friend Franz Gruber, a local schoolteacher and _____, to write the music for the six verses.
 31. Actor Danson; politician Kennedy; newsman Koppel.
 32. Lions' den prophet; 34th book of the Bible (abbr.).
 33. "Monsieur Mandy, the mayor (of Ars), said point-blank with obvious satisfaction, "They have sent us a _____," —*The Secret of the Cure d'Ars*, Henri Gheon.
 34. Land _____!
 35. One who might receive an Oscar.
 37. The song of calm and hope was well received by Fr. Mohr's beleaguered parishioners. But its wider popularity grew through two traveling families of folk _____, became popular across Europe and eventually America; was sung on Wall St. in NYC in 1839.
 42. "_____ find in the 7 petitions in the Lord's Prayer all the good things... which our heavenly Father wants to grant us," —*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #17.
 43. Letters for United Arab Republic, a sovereign political union between Syria and Egypt from 1958-1961. Egypt retained the name until 1971.
 44. Choosing (e.g., They seem to be _____ out of the agreement.).
 47. 7th note.
 48. Green Jeans or Clean.
 49. Yogi _____; native of The Hill in St. Louis, Mo.;



51. Baptist or Apostle/Evangelist.
 53. Prefix relating to aviation (e.g., nautical or dynamic).
 55. Letters for Associated Press International.
 56. The words of "Silent Night" flowed from the _____ of a modest curate. The music was composed by a musician who was not known outside his village. Yet its powerful message of heavenly peace has crossed all borders and language barriers giving hope to all the world.
 58. Hand in Spanish; shark in Hawaiian.
 59. Pierre is this State's capital (abbr.).
 60. He is part of the crew that _____ cargo onto the ships in the harbor.
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1. Abbr. for the 9th & 10th
 2. "..._____ and eat; this is my body," (Matthew 26:26).
 3. 52 wks. make a _____.
 4. The _____ of "Silent Night" were originally written in German just after the end of the Napoleonic Wars by a young Austrian priest named Joseph Mohr.
 5. This NYC stadium was the former home for the NY Mets from 1964-2008 as well as the NFL Jets from 1964-1983. It was demolished for additional parking for the new adjacent CITI Field, new home of the Mets.
 6. Land of 10,000 Lakes State (abbr.).
 7. A good wine must be _____ to perfection.
 8. Gun Club.
 9. Pagan city just west of Israel on the Mediterranean coast, often paired with Sidon (Matthew 11:21).
 10. "...the Devil has come down to you in great fury, for he knows he has but _____ time," —Revelation 12:12 (2 wds.)

13. "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to _____ words, but to live by them," —John Kennedy.
16. Lone Star State (abbr.).
17. "Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a person. There he is alone with God, whose voice echoes in his _____," —Second Vatican Council.
18. Added to the political collapse, the previous year had been catastrophically _____. A monster volcanic eruption in Indonesia had spewed ash in the atmosphere causing almost continuous storms, even snow, in the middle of summer. Crops failed and there was widespread famine.
19. The Treasure State; also called Big Sky Country (abbr.).
20. Don't put all your _____ in one basket!
25. The full-time vowels.
26. _____ Christmas Eve, in 1818, the two friends sang "Silent Night" together for the first time in front of Fr. Mohr's congregation, with Fr. Mohr playing his guitar.
27. Car Club.
28. The _____ Creed at Sunday Mass follows the homily.
29. In construction and architecture, abbr. for interior.
30. "...as Miles leaned to _____ the clothes under the blanket, the cart tilted, and the boots fell to the cobbled paving," —*The Rose Rent*, Ellis Peters.
32. "So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in _____ time," (1 Peter 5:6).
36. "Solitude with God _____ the damage done by the fret and noise and clamor of the world," —Oswald Chambers.
38. Prophet who denounced King David's sin with Bathsheba (2 Samuel, Ch. 12).
39. Derogatory term for an American in Chihuahua, perhaps.
40. St. Paul's letter to the _____ follows the Acts of the Apostles in the NT.
41. Also German-speaking missionaries _____ the song from Tibet to Alaska, translating it into local languages.
45. Not being an energetic cook or fussy eater, _____ nearly everything I cook (2 wds.).
46. A _____ is slang for \$1,000.
50. Short for role play (i.e., acting out or performing the part of a person or character, on stage or in a psychotherapy session).
51. Actor/comic _____ Carrey; puppeteer Hensen with his Muppets; rocker Morrison of the Doors.
52. Suffix meaning a swelling or tumor; can be a suffix for lymph or lip.
54. Letters for Russia Today, a Russian gov't. controlled and funded TV news network.
57. Letters for Overeaters Anonymous; support group for help with compulsive eating.