

Joy: There's something about the holidays that makes me want to spend time with people, and I'm glad I can do that over the airwaves.

[SFX: Static noise]

Noah: Tonight, we'll be preparing the signature family Ham Glaze recipe for Honey Glazed Ham, with a side of Green Bean Casserole.

[SFX: Static noise]

Iggy: Before I got on the road I stopped at Walmart and bought as many nochebuenas as I could fit in my car.

[SFX: Static noise]

Dorothy: It's the tradition of my chosen family, you see, just a bunch of old gays coming out for this Gay Old Time.

[SFX: Static noise]

Syd: Eh, if I had a nickel for every time someone told me "Merry Christmas" and looked at me like I was crazy when I said "Chag Sameach" back, I could just buy a new radio instead of fixing this piece of junk.

[SFX: Static noise]

Charlie: Joy! Joy! Are you still there?

[SFX: Static noise]

Joy: Theoretically I can get in contact with anyone down on earth with my trusty Kenwood radio.

[SFX: Static noise]

Erin: How's your Christmas going, Joy?

[SFX: Static noise]

Ellie: My partner couldn't get out of a family function so I'm home alone tonight. It's difficult being away from everyone.

[SFX: Static noise]

Ari: Will I have to choose? Between Judaism and the stars?

[SFX: Static noise]

Dorothy: Some people really do miss that at-home holiday charm, even if they don't miss the people they associate it with.

[SFX: Static noise]

Charlie: What about my Christmas though? Why do I have to suffer so other people can have a magical Christmas?

[SFX: Static noise]

Syd: Listen! People have done weirder things to get out of meeting their in-laws!

[SFX: Static noise]

Narrator: Joy to the World is an orbiting holiday audio drama. This limited series follows Joy, an astronaut alone on the ISS, as they take calls from around the world on a lonely Christmas Eve. Find out more about the show online at [joy to the world dot space](http://joytotheworld.space).