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Preludes

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem in Judah This blessed babe was born,
And laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn,
For which his mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway, This blessed Babe to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,
And with true love and charity Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas All other shall replace.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Text: English carol, 18th C.

Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY, 8 6 8 6 8 6 with refrain; English carol, 18th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840-1901



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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Tune: MENDELSSOHN, 77 77 D with refrain; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.



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Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Tune: GREENSLEEVES, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; English melody, 16th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840-1901

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.



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See him in a manger laid Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French carol, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862

Tune: GLORIA, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; French carol

Entrance Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Text: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786; English tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.;
Spanish tr. by Juan Bautista Cabrera, 1837-1916

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES, Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786



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Gloria

Glory to God (Schutte)

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heav'nly King, O God, almighty Father.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.
Amen. Amen.

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1st Reading

[Is 62:11-12](#)

See, the LORD proclaims
to the ends of the earth:
say to daughter Zion,
your savior comes!
Here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
They shall be called the holy people,
the redeemed of the LORD,
and you shall be called “Frequented,”
a city that is not forsaken.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God;
all the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;
whose right hand has won the vict’ry for us, God’s holy arm.

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God;
all the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all,
remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God;
all the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out, all you lands, break forth in song.



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All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God;
all the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.
Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord.

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God;
all the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.

Text: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; David Haas, Marty Haugen
Music: David Haas, Marty Haugen; refrain II, III adapt. by Diana Kodner
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2nd Reading

[Ti 3:4-7](#)

Beloved:
When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,

not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Gospel

[Lk 2:15-20](#)

When the angels went away from them to heaven,
the shepherds said to one another,



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“Let us go, then, to Bethlehem
to see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us.”
So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant lying in the manger.
When they saw this,
they made known the message
that had been told them about this child.
All who heard it were amazed
by what had been told them by the shepherds.
And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.
Then the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen,
just as it had been told to them.

Offertory Song

Christmas Lullaby (Rutter)

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



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Communion Song *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: St. 1-2, anonymous, st. 3, John T. McFarland, 1851-1913

Tune: MUELLER, 11 11 11 11; James R. Murray, 1841-1905; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, © 1994,
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Communion Meditation Song *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain*

St. Michael's Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou,



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O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Recessional *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Text: Psalm 98: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: ANTIOCH, CM; arr. from George F. Handle, 1685-1759, in T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833