

# Wintertide

## An Advent Liturgy

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Advent is a special time. It gives us the opportunity to focus on the beautiful and often unintentionally lost blessings of the Christmas Season. These blessings come to us through community, family, generosity, tradition, reflection, anticipation and finally celebration. Advent brings intention in a season of chaos and impulsivity.

While many of us have good intentions for the Christmas season, we often find ourselves overwhelmed, and come to the end of the holidays feeling empty and unfulfilled. I don't know about you, but I find that the structure of Advent, its *prescription*, is keenly effective at re-centering me back on the coming of God in the form of Man, and that a 2000 year old story, full of wonder and lunacy, still has the power to change how I live out my life in relationship with my fellow sojourners of this cold, wintry world. Here's the thing about Advent, though... you can't just visit it a couple of times before Christmas. Or at least I can't. Material distractions and social expectations creep in from all directions. How was I to fight this? Eventually, I settled on the idea of a liturgy, which literally means 'work for the people'. A daily work. A habit. That's what was needed.

And so here is Wintertide: An Advent Liturgy. Along with three original songs, you will find a daily guide for celebrating Advent in a liturgical fashion. There is the large, more robust liturgy, meant for Sundays or other community Advent services. The other days of week make use of the abbreviated liturgy setting, with the intention of being practiced at home or in small groups. My family made it a habit at supper last year, and my two year old became very attached to the music and the candle lighting each night. My desire is to help bring the joy of Advent to you in an easily accessible format, to help you step back from the chaos and re-connect with the things that make Christmas so special – Christ, family, community.

Merry Christmas!

Matt Wheeler, Christmas 2021



# Abbreviated Liturgy

**Gather** – The nights are long...

...*the darkness deep...*

...but the reason for our hope/faith/joy/peace draws near.

**Song** – We Have Waited (page 23)

## **Prayers of the People**

Week 1 – God of the hopeful as well as the hopeless, we pray this day for those in our community who are struggling during this time.

Week 2 – God of the faithful as well as the doubting, we pray this day for those in our community who feel tossed aside and forgotten during this time.

Week 3 – God who is with us, in our joy as well as our sorrow, we pray this day for those in our community who hurt underneath the superficial appearance of merriment during this season.

Week 4 – God of peace in times of turmoil and uncertainty, we pray this day for those in our community who are in need of the rest only You can provide.

All Weeks Continue – Help us serve those who bear these burdens, that we all may experience the hope You give, for this life and the one to come.

Lord, in Your mercy...

...*Hear our prayer.*

**Lighting of the Candles/Song** – In This Season (pages 24-27)

## **Reading**

**Song** – Wintertide (page 28)

**Benediction** – ...Go in hope/faith/joy/peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Amen.*

## Full Liturgy

**Gather** – This is the season of Advent, when we anticipate the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ. The nights are long...

*...the darkness deep...*

...but the reason for our hope/faith/joy/peace draws near. He comes to interject himself into our world, messy and unclean though it is. Like the Israelites of old, we yearn for that expected arrival, and yet also as God's people, we can miss the unexpected ways in which He comes to us even yet today.

### Carol of the Week

**Confession** – Giver of light...

*...we confess to You that the darkness which surrounds us so often has its source in our own deeds and thoughts, for we turn away from the light to embrace those things which conceal our need for You, rather than be exposed by it. Forgive us, O Lord.*

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All Weeks Continue – For those needs which are also known to us, we seek Your intercession. [Time to share needs of the community.]

Lord, in Your mercy...

*...Hear our prayer.*

In this season when loss is felt most profoundly, whether it be loss of relationship, loss of dignity, or loss of purpose, help us serve those who bear these burdens, that we all may dwell in the hope You give, for this life and the one to come.

Lord, in Your mercy...

*...Hear our prayer.*



We also come to You with burdens of our own. [Silent reflection.]

Lord, in Your mercy...

*...Hear our prayer.*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Amen.*

**Lighting of the Candles/Song** – In This Season (pages 24-27)

**Reading**

**Devotion**

**Song** – Wintertide (page 28)

**Benediction** – ...Go in hope/faith/joy/peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Amen.*

## Christmas Eve Liturgy

**Gather** – Today, at last, is the conclusion of the season of Advent; it is a conclusion that truly is just the beginning of the story. For weeks, we have been looking ahead for the coming of the Promised One. And although the nights are long...

*...and the darkness deep...*

...the reason for our hope, our faith, our joy and our peace draws near. Even as many in the advent story encountered God in unexpected ways, we too, have seen how He is still at work in and around us during this season.

**Confession** – Giver of light...

*...we confess to You that the darkness which surrounds us so often has its source in our own deeds and thoughts, for we turn away from the light to embrace those things which conceal our need for You, rather than be exposed by it. Forgive us, O Lord.*

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Lord, in Your mercy...

*...Hear our prayer.*

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Amen.*

**Lighting of the Candles/Song** – In This Season (page 27)

**Reading** – Luke 2:1-7. In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with

child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Devotion**

**Carol** – O Holy Night (page 34)

**Benediction** – We will conclude with the singing of Silent Night by candlelight. Afterwards, you may stay and reflect or depart in silence. Go in hope, faith, joy and peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Amen.*

**Carol** – Silent Night (page 35)

## Christmas Day Liturgy

**Gather** – Rejoice! Christmas is here. The Messiah is born. The nights have been long...

*...the darkness deep...*

...but now the reason for our hope, our faith, our joy and our peace is here. Upon us, a great light has shined. This is God's glorious interjection into our messy world, anticipated by all of humanity, yearned for by generation after generation. Come and worship!

**Carol** – O Come, All Ye Faithful (page 36)

**Prayers Of the People** - Giver of all good gifts, on this day which we celebrate Your birth, help us to remember that we too are called to give, not just our money and possessions, but our very lives, in service to the world, as You have given Your life for us.

Lord, in Your mercy...

*...Hear our prayer.*

For those in our community who are in need of any kind, whether hungry, imprisoned, shut-in, homeless, abused, hurting, addicted, jobless, depressed, orphaned, weary, sick, discouraged or lonely, we ask not just for your comfort, but that we may be Your hands and feet to provide that comfort.

Lord, in Your mercy...

*...Hear our prayer.*

Finally, may we carry the joy and spirit of Christmas through this season and into the upcoming year, full of abundant love and sincere generosity. Bring us ever closer to You and each other.

Lord, in Your mercy...

*...Hear our prayer. Bless us, one and all, this Christmas day. Amen.*

**Lighting of the Candles/Carol** – Good Christian Men, Rejoice (page 37)

**Reading** – Luke 2:8-20. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### **Devotion**

**Carol** – Angels We Have Heard on High (page 38)

**Carol** – Hark the Herald Angels Sing (page 39)

**Benediction** – We will conclude with the singing of Joy to the World. Go in hope, faith, joy and peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Amen.*

**Carol** – Joy to the World (page 40)

## Week 1 – Hope

**Carol of the Week** – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent (page 30)

### Day 1

**Reading** – John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our hope shine His light into our lives this day, this week, and this season. May it overcome every darkness. Go in hope to love and serve the Lord.

### Day 2

**Reading** – John 1:9-14

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Benediction** - And now may we make room in our hearts to receive the God of our hope this day, this week, and this season. May we see His glory as He comes to dwell among us. Go in hope to love and serve the Lord.

### Day 3

**Reading** – Psalm 43:3-5

Send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!  
Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

**Benediction** - And now, O God of our hope, may we be led by Your light and truth this day, this week, and this season. Though there be turmoil without and within, may our hearts yet praise You. Go in hope to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 4

**Reading** – Isaiah 2:2-5

It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the Lord  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,  
and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.  
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord.

**Benediction** - And now, may the God of our hope teach us His ways of peace and justice this day, this week, and this season. May we walk together in His light. Go in hope to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 5

**Reading** – Isaiah 60:19-22

The sun shall be no more  
your light by day,  
nor for brightness shall the moon

give you light;  
but the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.  
Your sun shall no more go down,  
nor your moon withdraw itself;  
for the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your days of mourning shall be ended.  
Your people shall all be righteous;  
they shall possess the land forever,  
the branch of my planting, the work of my hands,  
that I might be glorified.  
The least one shall become a clan,  
and the smallest one a mighty nation;  
I am the Lord;  
in its time I will hasten it.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our hope be at work in our lives for His glory this day, this week, and this season. May you be encompassed by His everlasting light. Go in hope to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 6

**Reading** – Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls upon your name,



who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our hope display His awesome name in ways unlooked for this day, this week, and this season. Though we are unclean and withering, may we take a hold of You and remember Your ways. Go in hope to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 7

**Reading** – Isaiah 52:6-10

Therefore my people shall know my name. In that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.”

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the Lord has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

**Benediction** - And now may we eagerly watch for the God of our hope this day, this week, and this season. May we see the dawning of the day at the end of the long night. Go in hope to love and serve the Lord.

## Week 2 – Faith

**Carol of the Week** – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (page 31)

### Day 8

**Reading** – 2 Samuel 7:8-16

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’

**Benediction** - And now as we wait for the revealing of His plan may the God of our faith strengthen us this day, this week and this season. May we have a vision that spans the generations. Go in faith to love and serve the Lord.

### Day 9

**Reading** – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our faith shine light on injustices that we may be a part of the building of His Kingdom this day, this week and this season. May our righteousness be established not in our own deeds but in the forgiveness of our sins. Go in faith to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 10

### Reading – Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our faith bring about His coming vision of justice and harmony through our lives this day, this week and this season. May we share in the knowledge of the Lord. Go in faith to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 11

**Reading** – Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our faith find us in our winding valleys and our precipitous mountain passes this day, this week and this season. May He set us upon His path; though it lead through the desert, it shall lead us to His glory. Go in faith to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 12

**Reading** – Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our faith be with us in the darkness this day, this week and this season. May His presence allow us to illuminate the gloom which threatens to overwhelm. Go in faith to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 13

**Reading** – Isaiah 61:1-4, 9, 11

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our faith free us this day, this week and this season from that in our lives which we cling to and imprisons us. Though the ground outside is dormant, may our lives

be a fertile garden of righteousness and praise. Go in faith to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 14

**Reading** – Micah 5:2, 4-5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our faith show us the unexpected, the overlooked, the forgotten in our lives this day, this week and this season. May those of us who feel that way more often than not know that we too have a vital role to play in His story. Go in faith to love and serve the Lord.

## Week 3 – Joy

**Carol of the Week** – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (page 32)

## Day 15

**Reading** – Luke 1:5-17

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him,

“Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our joy surprise us with the unexpected answer to our divinely orchestrated desires this day, this week and this season. May we be a people prepared and ever turning to the Lord. Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 16

**Reading** – Luke 1:18-25

And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, “Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our joy be at work in the impossible of our lives this day, this week and this season. Where once we have been barren, may we bear fruit for His kingdom. Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 17

**Reading** – Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name

was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our joy find us ready to serve this day, this week and this season, though the calling seems impossible. May we too, heed the call to be unafraid. Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 18

**Reading** – Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

**Benediction** - And now may we celebrate the God of our joy at work in each others' lives this day, this week and this season. May we see the fulfillment of His foretold words. Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.



## Day 19

**Reading** – Luke 1:46-56

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

he has brought down the mighty from their thrones

and exalted those of humble estate;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

**Benediction** - And now, like Mary before us, may our souls magnify the Lord this day, this week and this season. Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 20

**Reading** – Luke 1:57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, and all who heard

them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our joy open our lips that we may praise Him this day, this week and this season. May those who hear our praises wonder at His work. Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.

## Day 20

**Reading** – Luke 1:67-79

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

**Benediction** - And now may the God of our joy remember us this day, this week and this season, though we dwell in the darkness. May He burst forth over us like the sunrise over the cold snow-laden fields. Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.

## Week 4 – Peace

**Carol of the Week** – Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth (page 33)

**Day 21**

**Reading** – Matthew 1:18-24

Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

**Benediction** – And now may the God who brings peace give us the serenity to wait for His miraculous plan this day, this week and this season, though we may be hurting deeply during its prelude. May we rest in the certainty that God is come to be with us. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Days as needed for before Christmas Eve**

**Readings**

John 3:16-21

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

Romans 13:11-12

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Mark 13:33-37

Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man, going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning – lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.

Isaiah 35:1-6

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;  
it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.  
Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
"Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert.

**Benediction** - And now may the God who brings peace keep us watchful and waiting for the coming light, this day, this week and this season. May we rest in the certainty that God is come to be with us. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

# We Have Waited

a confessional song

Dm C

1. We have\_\_ wait - ed long for Your com - ing,  
 2. What will You look like? Where will You come from?  
 3. Come, Lord,\_\_ quick - ly to re - deem us

3 Dm G A(sus4) A

Searched in the dark - ness, yearned for the light,  
 Prince - ly and re - gal, full of God's might?  
 Ban - ish the sha - dows, give us new sight

5 Bb F Gm Eb

Dreamed of a King to save from our cap - tors,  
 Tri - um - phant Son of pro - phe - cies an - cient,  
 O - pen our eyes to needs of the stran - ger,

7 1.2. Dm C Am G Gm

1. Con - quer our foes and make\_\_ all things right.  
 2. Lead - ing to bat - tle, end - ding our fight?

10 3. Dm C Am G Bb C

3. Heal bro - ken hearts and bless\_ us to - night.

14 Dm Eo7 A(sus4) A7 Dm C Bb A(sus4) Am D(sus4) Dm or D

Heal bro - ken hearts and bless us to - night.

# In This Season

a song for the prayers of the people, week 1

F/A                      B $\flat$                       C $^7$ /B $\flat$                       F/A                      Gm $^7$

In this sea-son                      of hope                      We re-mem-ber the hurt-ing,

FM $^7$                       F/A                      B $\flat$                       Gm                      C                      C $^7$ /B $\flat$                       F/A                      F

And we pray for                      Your mer-cy                      To be gi-ven this night.

9                      B $\flat$                       C                      F                      B $\flat$                       F/A

As we ga-ther                      to - ge-ther                      A-round the Ad-vent wreath

14                      Gm $^7$                       Csus                      A $^7$ /C $\sharp$                       Dm $^2$                       Am $^7$ /C                      B $\sharp$  $^{\circ}7$                       Bbm $^7$

May the can-dle                      shine bright-ly                      And guide our hands and feet.

19                      F/C                      B $\flat$ /D                      C $^7$ /E                      C $^7$                       C/B $\flat$                       F/A                      Gm $^7$

In this sea-son                      of hope                      Help us wel-come the hurt-ing

24                      Fmaj $^7$                       F/A                      B $\flat$                       Gm $^7$                       C                      C $^7$                       F

May both neigh-bor                      and stran-ger                      Know Your mer-cy this night.

# In This Season

a song for the prayers of the people, week 2

F/A                      B $\flat$                       C $^7$ /B $\flat$                       F/A                      Gm $^7$

In this sea-son                      of faith                      We re-mem-ber the doubt-ing

FM $^7$                       F/A                      B $\flat$                       Gm                      C                      C $^7$ /B $\flat$                       F/A                      F

And we pray for                      Your pres-ence                      To be gi-ven this night.

9                      B $\flat$                       C                      F                      B $\flat$                       F/A

As we ga-ther                      to - ge-ther                      A-round the Ad-vent wreath

14                      Gm $^7$                       Csus                      A $^7$ /C $\sharp$                       Dm $^2$                       Am $^7$ /C                      B $\sharp$  $^7$                       B $\flat$ m $^7$

May the can - dles                      shine bright-ly                      And guide our hands and feet.

19                      F/C                      B $\flat$ /D                      C $^7$ /E                      C $^7$                       C/B $\flat$                       F/A                      Gm $^7$

In this sea-son                      of faith                      Help us wel-come the doubt-ing

24                      Fmaj $^7$                       F/A                      B $\flat$                       Gm $^7$                       C                      C $^7$                       F

May both neigh-bor                      and stran-ger                      Know Your pres-ence this night.

# In This Season

a song for the prayers of the people, week 3

F/A                      B $\flat$                       C $^7$ /B $\flat$                       F/A                      Gm $^7$

In this sea-son                      of joy\_                      We re-mem-ber the mourn-ing

FM $^7$                       F/A                      B $\flat$                       Gm                      C                      C $^7$ /B $\flat$                       F/A                      F

And we pray for                      Your com-fort                      To be gi-ven this night.

9                      B $\flat$                       C                      F                      B $\flat$                       F/A

As we ga-ther                      to - ge-ther                      A-round the Ad-vent wreath

14                      Gm $^7$                       Csus                      A $^7$ /C $\sharp$                       Dm $^2$                       Am $^7$ /C                      B $\sharp$  $^{\circ 7}$                       B $\flat$ m $^7$

May the can - dles                      shine bright-ly                      And guide our hands and feet.

19                      F/C                      B $\flat$ /D                      C $^7$ /E                      C $^7$                       C/B $\flat$                       F/A                      Gm $^7$

In this sea-son                      of joy\_                      Help us wel-come the mourn-ing

24                      Fmaj $^7$                       F/A                      B $\flat$                       Gm $^7$                       C                      C $^7$                       F

May both neigh-bor                      and stran-ger                      Know Your com-fort this night.



# In This Season

a song for the prayers of the people, week 4

F/A B $\flat$  C $7$ /B $\flat$  F/A Gm $7$

In this sea-son of peace We re-mem-ber the strug-gling

Fm $7$  F/A B $\flat$  Gm C C $7$ /B $\flat$  F/A F

And we pray for Your jus-tice To be gi-ven this night.

9 B $\flat$  C F B $\flat$  F/A

As we ga-ther to - ge-ther A-round the Ad-vent wreath

14 Gm $7$  Csus A $7$ /C $\sharp$  Dm $2$  Am $7$ /C B $\sharp$  $7$  B $\flat$ m $7$

May the can - dles shine bright-ly And guide our hands and feet.

19 F/C B $\flat$ /D C $7$ /E C $7$  C/B $\flat$  F/A Gm $7$

In this sea-son of peace Help us wel-come the strug-gling

24 Fmaj $7$  F/A B $\flat$  Gm $7$  C C $7$  F

May both neigh-bor and stran-ger Know Your jus-tice this night.

# Wintertide

a benediction round

F      C/E      Dm      Am/C      B $\flat$       Dm      Csus      C

Cold      and\_      dark      the\_      win -      ter -      tide,

5      F/A      Am      B $\flat$       Gm      F      Csus      C

Through      the      long      nights      You\_      pro -      vide,\_\_\_

9      Dm      Am/C      B $\flat$       F/A      E $\flat$ /G      B $\flat$ maj $^7$       Csus      C

God      of      all      sea -      sons      help      us      a -      bide      Til the

13      F $^{\#}$ sus      C/F      F $^{\#}$ sus      C $^{\#}$ /F      F $^{\#}$ sus\*      B $^{\#}$ maj $^7$ /F      F $^{\#}$ sus      C/F\*

com -      ing      of      Your      Son.      *repeat ad lib*

\*If singing this song as a chorus rather than a round, resolve with an F chord.



# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Lyrics from the Liturgy of St. James (5th Century)

Traditional French Carol



1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, And with fear and trem-bling stand;
2. Rank on rank the host of\_\_ hea-ven Spreads its van-guard on the\_ way,
3. At His feet the six - winged se-raph; Che - ru - bim with sleep-less eye,



Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly\_\_ min - ded For with bles-sing in His\_ hand  
As the Light of Light des - cend - eth From the realms of end-less\_ day,  
Veil their fa - ces to the\_ Pre-sence, As with cease-less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth des - cend - eth, Our full ho-mage to de - mand.  
That the pow'rs of hell may va - nish As the dark-ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia Lord Most High!"

# Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Lyrics by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music by Rowland Prichard (1811-1877)

F Eb Dm7 Eb C F(sus4) F

1. Come, Thou long-ex-pec-ted Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;\_\_\_  
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, Born a child, and yet\_ a King,\_\_\_

10 F Eb Dm7 Eb C F(sus4) F

From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest\_ in Thee. \_\_\_  
 Born to reign in us for e - ver, Now Thy gra - cious King - dom bring. \_\_\_

19 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C7 Fmaj7 Dm7 Gm7 C(sus4) C

I - srael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all\_ the earth Thou art: \_\_\_  
 By Thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit Rule in all\_ our hearts a - lone; \_\_\_

28 Am7 Gm7/Bb Fmaj7/C Gm7/D

Dear\_ de - sire\_ of ev' - ry na - tion, \_\_\_  
 By\_ Thine all - suf - fi - cient me - rit

32 Fmaj7/E Bb/F Gm9 C7 F Bb(add2)/F F C/F F

Joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart. \_\_\_  
 Raise us to\_ Thy glo - rious throne. \_\_\_

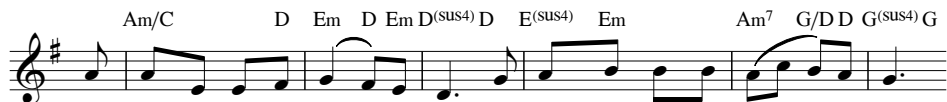
# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

8th Century Text  
Translated by J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

15th Century Requiem Tune  
Adapted by Thomas Helmore (1811-1860)

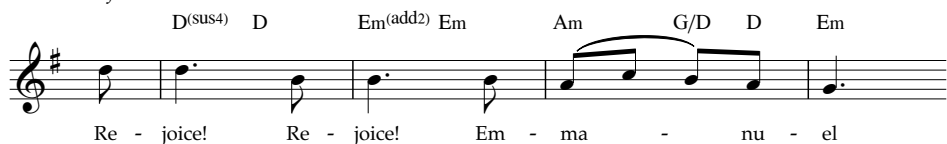


1. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, and ran - som cap - tive I - sra - el,
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny;
3. O come, Thou Day - spring, come\_ and cheer our spi - rits by Thine ad - vent here;



that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un - til the Son of God\_ ap - pear.  
from depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, and give them vict' - ry o'er\_ the grave.  
dis - perse the gloo - my clouds\_ of night, and death's dark sha - dows put\_ to flight.

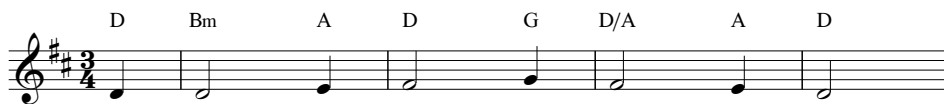
*refrain*



# Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Lyrics by St. Ambrose (340-397)  
Translated by J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)



1. Come, Thou Re - dee - mer of the earth,  
2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will,  
3. O Je - su, vir - gin born, to Thee



and ma - nif - est Thy vir - gin birth:  
but of the Spi - rit, Thou art still  
e - ter - nal praise and glo - ry be,



let ev - ery age a - do - ring fall;  
the Word of God, in flesh ar - rayed,  
whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore



such birth be - fits the God of all.  
the Sav - ior now to us dis - played.  
and Ho - ly Spi - rit, e - ver - more.

# O Holy Night

Lyrics by Placide Coppeau (1808-1877)  
Translated by John S. Dwight (1813-1893)

Music by Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

C C/E F C

1. O ho - ly night! The stars are bright-ly shin - ing It is the  
2. Tru - ly He taught us to love one a - no - ther; His law is

6 G7 C C/E F

night of the dear Sav-iour's birth. Long lay the world in sin and er-ror  
love and His gos-pel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave\_ is our

13 C C7(b5) Em/B B7 Em Dm7(sus4)

pin - ing, Till He ap-peared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of  
bro - ther, And in His name all op-pres-sion shall cease. Sweet hymns of

20 G7 C Dm7(sus4) G7 C

hope the wea-ry world re - joi - ces, For yon-der breaks a new and glor-ious morn!  
joy in grate-ful cho-rus raise we; Let all with - in us praise His ho - ly name.

27 Am Em Dm Am

Fall\_ on your knees!\_ O hear\_ the an - gel voi - ces!\_ O  
Christ\_ is the Lord!\_ O praise\_ His name for - e - ver!\_ His

35 C/G G7/F C/E F C G7 C

night\_ di - vine, O\_ night\_ when Christ was born!\_ O  
pow'r\_ and glo - ry\_ e - ver - more pro - claim!\_ His

43 G G7/F C/E F C/G G7 F/G G7 C

night, O ho - ly night, O night di - vine!\_  
pow'r\_ and glo - ry\_ e - ver-more pro - claim!



# Silent Night

1818

Lyrics by Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

Music by Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

Translated by Bishop John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>7</sup>

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,  
4. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Won - drous star

B<sup>b</sup> Eb B<sup>b</sup>

all is bright, Round yon Vir - gin Mo - ther and Child!  
at the sight! Glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light, Ra - dian beams from Thy ho - ly face,  
lend Thy light, With the an - gels let us sing

E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> F

Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in  
Hea - v'nly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the  
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,  
Al - le - lu - ia to our King! Christ, the

F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/F F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

hea - ven-ly peace! \_\_\_\_\_ Sleep in hea - ven-ly peace! \_\_\_\_\_  
Sav - ior, is born! \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! \_\_\_\_\_  
Lord, at Thy birth! \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth! \_\_\_\_\_  
Sa - vior, is born! \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! \_\_\_\_\_

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

Lyrics by John Francis Wade (1711-1786)  
Translated by Frederick Oakley (1802-1880)

Music by John Francis Wade

G D G D/F G C/E G/D D

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py mor - ning,

(Em) Em D A D G/B D/F# G D/A A7 D D7

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem.  
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove:  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

alt. B<sup>o7</sup> E7(b13) E7 Am B A/C# B/D# Em A D  
9 G/B Am G Am D/F# G D/F# G Em A/C# D

Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels.  
"Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est!"  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

13 *refrain* G D/G G G(sus4) G D/G G G(sus4) G D

O come let us a - dore Him, O come let us a - dore Him,

18 G Am G/B Am/C A7/C# D B/D# Em C G/D D7 G

O come let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

# Good Christian Men Rejoice

14th Century Hymn  
Translated by J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

14th Century Melody



1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice\_\_\_\_\_ With heart and soul and voice!\_\_\_\_\_

2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice\_\_\_\_\_ With heart and soul and voice!\_\_\_\_\_

3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice\_\_\_\_\_ With heart and soul and voice!\_\_\_\_\_



Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day!  
Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
Now ye need not fear the grave Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now:  
He has o - pened hea - ven's door, And man is blest for - e - ver - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all To gain His e - ver - las - ting hall.



Christ is born to - day,\_\_\_\_\_ Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this,\_\_\_\_\_ Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save,\_\_\_\_\_ Christ was born to save!

# Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French Carol

Translated by James Chadwick (1813-1882)

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Adapted by Edward Barnes (1887-1958)

E $\flat$  F $^7$ (sus4) B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$  $^7$  E $\flat$

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

5 E $\flat$  Cm $^7$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$  $^7$  E $\flat$

And the moun - tains in re - ply E - cho - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some ti - dings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on ben - ded knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

*refrain*

9 E $\flat$  Cm $^7$  Fm $^7$  B $\flat$  $^7$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$ (sus4) B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$

Glo - - - - - ri - a! In ex - cel - sis De - o!

15 E $\flat$  Cm $^7$  Fm $^7$  B $\flat$  $^7$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$ (sus4) B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

Glo - - - - - ri - a! In ex - cel - sis De - o!

# Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Lyrics by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

E $\flat$  E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$ 7/A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$ (add2) E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, - "Glo - ry to the new - born King.  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored Christ, the e - ver - las - ting Lord,  
 3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

E $\flat$  Cm E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  A $^{\circ 7}$  F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /F F B $\flat$ 7

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, - God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold Him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:  
 Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

E $\flat$ /G Cm $^7$  Fm E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Cm $^7$  Fm E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, - join the tri - umph of the skies; -  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; - hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty -  
 Mild, He lays His glo - ry by, - born that man no more may die, -

A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm C/E Fm B $\flat$ 7/A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  B $\flat$ /F C/E

with th'an - ge - lic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is - born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, - our Em - ma - nu - el.  
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to - give them se - cond birth.

## refrain

A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm C/E Fm B $\flat$ 7/D E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry - to the new - born King!"

# Joy to the World

Lyrics by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1789)

Adapted by Lowell Mason (1792-1892)



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive its King;
2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em - ploy
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove



let ev' - ry heart pre - pare Him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re - peat the soun - ding joy,  
He comes to make His bles - sings flow far as the curse is found,  
the glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness and won - ders of His love,



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
re - peat the soun - ding joy, re - peat, re - peat the soun - ding joy.  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
and won - ders of His love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.