

CHRISTMAS
EVE 2024
FAMILY MASS



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CAROLS & VIGNETTES

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Text: In Dulci Jubilo 14th C

Tr. By John M. Neal 1818-1866

Tune: In Ducli Jubilo

Good Christian Friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born Today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

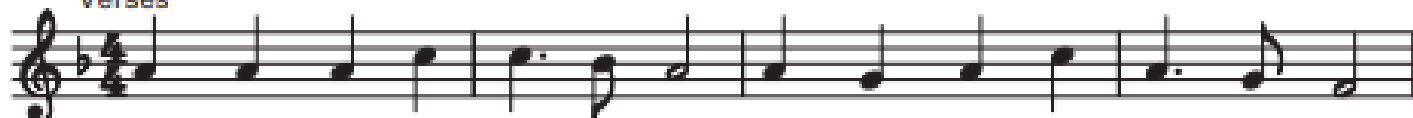
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice
Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



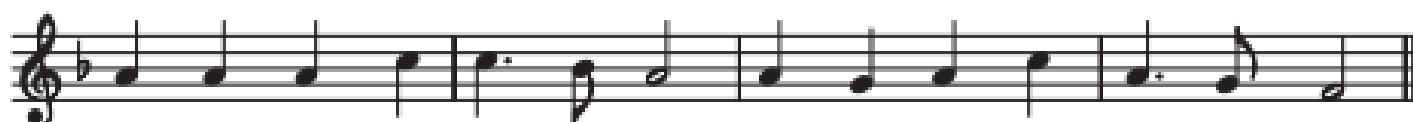
ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA

Verses

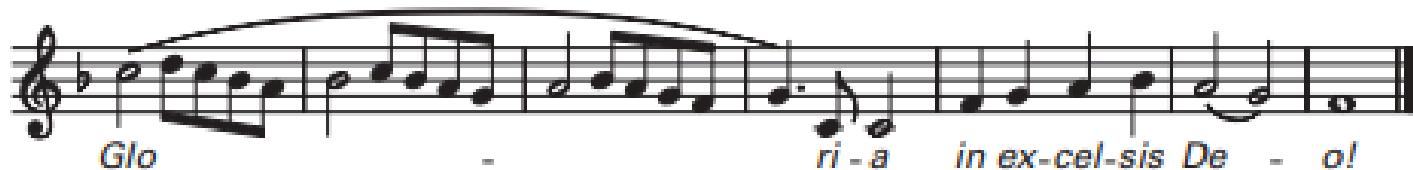


1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862;
tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.



It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Author: Edmund H. Sears 1810-1876

Tune: CAROL, CMD, Richard Willis 1819-1900

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from Heav’n’s all-gracious
King.”

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings
unfurled, and still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary
world; above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending
low,

Who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours, come swiftly on the wing.

Oh, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years, comes ‘round the age of gold;
When Peace shall over all the earth, its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song, which now the angels sing.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893;

Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring
love.

O Morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises
sing to God the King and peace to all the earth

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n
No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Emmanuel!





Away in a Manger

Anonymous text; Music by James R. Murray



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

The cattle are lowing,
the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay,
Close by me forever,
and love me, I pray!
Bless all the dear children
in Thy tender care
And fit us to heaven, to Live with Thee there.

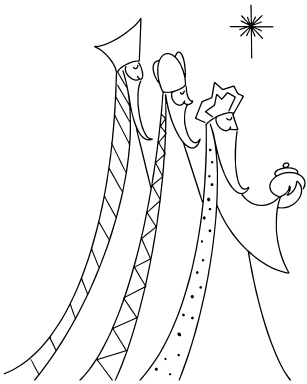
We Three Kings

Christmas carol dating from 1857.

Composed by John Henry Hopkins Jr. and appeared in his
Carols, Hymns and Songs collection in 1872

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

REF: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the Perfect Light.



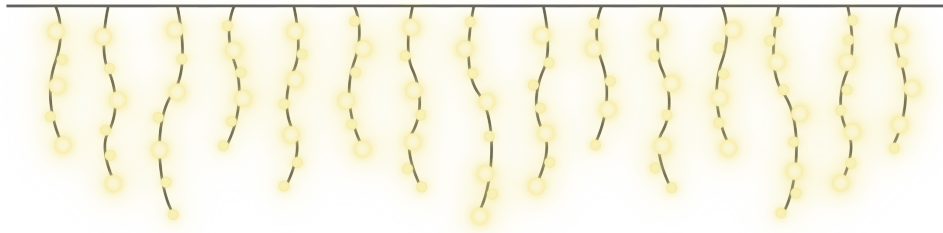
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, Ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. REFRAIN

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, Gladly raising,
Worshipping God on high. REFRAIN

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying.
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. REFRAIN

Glorious now behold him a rise,
King and God and sacrifice;
"Alleluia, Alleluia!"
Sounds through the earth and skies. REFRAIN

Carol of the Light words and music by David Barton



In a world which seems so dark;
In a world which seems so lost;
May the light of Christ this Christmas be a beacon, be a light.

May the light of Christ be a beacon,
May the beacon light your way,
May the light send you forth, May it journey at your side,
May the love of the Christ child be your guide.

In the cold of the night, in the warmth of the day,
In the stillness of a newborn child;
When we can't comprehend, why our wars never end:
May the peace of Christ enfold you this year.

May the love of Christ flow among you,
May it hold the weak and strong;
May that love never cease,
May it offer signs of peace;
May the love of the Christ-child hold you strong.

In the cold of the night, in the warmth of the day,
In the stillness of a newborn child;
When we can't comprehend why our wars never end:
May the peace of Christ enfold you this year.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

HYMN IN PROCESSION: (PLEASE STAND)

Adeste Fideles

by John Francis Wade, 1711-86; trans. by Frederick Oakeley

Vs. 1: Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes:
Venite, venite in Bethlehem;
Natum videte, Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus, Dominum.

Vs. 2: 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:

Refrain: O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Vs. 3: Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest: REF:

Vs. 4: Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing: REF:

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT BAMBINELLI

Many Catholic families celebrate the inspiring tradition of Bambinelli Sunday on the third Sunday of Advent. On this special day, families bring their baby Jesus figurines, known as Bambinelli in Italian, to their parish for a heartfelt blessing.

Today, we will bless the baby Jesus from the Christmas Pageant, reminding us that the true spirit of Christmas is found in the birth of Jesus, who lovingly embraces each individual as a child of God.

Let us pray,

God, your boundless love for humanity led you to become one of us in Jesus. The baby Jesus, a symbol of your peace and love, enriches our faith community.

We seek your blessing upon us, our children, parents and guardians, families, and friends. May our hearts joyfully receive Jesus, embrace his teachings of peace and justice, and see Christ in every person in need.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son,
who came to bring peace to the world.
He lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

Glory to God

Missa Pacem

♩ = 80

L. Randolph Babin

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: "Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and slurs.

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

2. 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 of the Father, have mercy on us.

3. 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: Amen.

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I:

Isaiah 9:1-6

Today Is Born Our Savior

Psalm 96

Joseph B. Sullivan

REFRAIN

The musical notation is written on two staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "To - day is born_ our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord, Christ_ the Lord, Christ the Lord._____".

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Reading II:

Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Prepare the Way of the Lord TAIZÉ

Alleluia ~ Prepare ~ TAIZÉ

Jacques Berthier ~ TAIZÉ

The musical score is written on two staves in 6/8 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first four measures, and the second staff contains the next four measures, starting with a measure number '5' above the first note.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Glory to God, God on high.
Peace to all people of good will.

Gospel

The Birth of Jesus According to Luke and Matthew,
presented by the Family Faith Program.

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful:



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Table and Gifts

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88; music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47; arrangement: David Willcocks

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 th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Hark! The herald angels sing! Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us on earth 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 bring new life to earth, Born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing! Glory to the newborn king!

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Missa Pacem

by L. Randolph Babin

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Save Us, Savior of the World

Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Re-sur-rec-tion you have set us free.

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Amen

Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of two phrases of "A - men, a - men, a - men." The first phrase has a dotted quarter note for "A", a quarter note for "men", a dotted quarter note for "a", a quarter note for "men", a dotted quarter note for "a", and a quarter note for "men". The second phrase is identical.

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Lamb of God

Missa Pacem

L. Randolph Babin

Cantor: *All:*
1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
2. *Second trope* _____
3. *Third trope* _____

7 *1, 2.* *3.* *Cantor:* *All:*
us. _____ us. _____ Lamb of God, you

15
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. _____

21 *All:*
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,

26
grant us peace. _____

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/2 time. It is divided into sections for Cantor and All. The first section (measures 1-6) is for the Cantor and includes three tropes. The second section (measures 7-14) is for the All and includes the lyrics "us. Lamb of God, you". The third section (measures 15-20) is for the All and includes the lyrics "take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.". The fourth section (measures 21-25) is for the All and includes the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,". The fifth section (measures 26-30) is for the All and includes the lyrics "grant us peace.". There are repeat signs and first, second, and third endings indicated.

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Communion Procession

Low gluten hosts can be taken on the left side of the altar in front of the ambo by the pillars.

The First Nowell Traditional English Carol; 17th Century

The first Nowell the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

REF: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **REF:**

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. **REF:**

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. **REF**

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **REF:**

Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with our creator we adore
and Spirit blest forevermore. **REF:**

Communion Meditation

Silent Night

Text: Josef Mohr, 1792-1848; Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787-1863

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly Peace,
Sleep in heavenly Peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure Light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face.
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

CONCLUDING RITES

Pledge for Racial Justice

Final Prayer and Blessing

Hymn of Sending Forth: Joy to the World!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, based on Psalm 98;

Music: G. F. Handel, 1685-1759

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

PRESIDER

Father Chia-Yang “C-Y” Kao, S.J.

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John Uehlein, Director of Music Ministries

Jacqueline Perez, Family Faith Choir Director and Conductor

Cantor: Melyn Saenz

Family Faith Choir

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Aedan Alexander- Mullen, Daniela Perrota, Luis Silva,
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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST

Pageant Director: Elda Luisi

Assistants: Grace Foley-Murphy and Luz Marina Díaz

Stage Managers: Jennifer Downs and Patricia Kreuther

Props Designer and Artisan: Sarah Artz

Pre-Kindergarten

Matilda Simpson - SHEEP

Maeve Chan - Angel

Kindergarten

Alix Gouny - SHEEP

Laure Gouny - SHEEP

Kieran McCaffrey - SHEPHERD WITH HIS DOG AS SHEEP

Jane Chupka - SHEEP

Junia Phoebe Almozara - ANGEL

1st grade

Fiona Downs - ANGEL

Leo Grogan - SHEPHERD WITH HIS DOG LINUS AS A SHEEP

Lucia Cavalleri - ANGEL

Elena Cavalleri - ANGEL

Rory Chan - ANGEL

2nd grade

Raphael Manolo Almozara - SHEPHERD

Grace Tang-wymer - ANGEL

Celia - ELIZABETH AND ANGEL

Kieran Chan - ANGEL

Sienna McCaffrey - ANGEL

Margaux Natalie Grace Kreuther - ANGEL

3rd grade

Mercer Simpson - WISE MAN

Celeste Gouny - ANGEL

Clara Chupka - ANGEL

4th grade

Kelsey Whalen Abbondanza - WISEMAN

Horatio Dennis - WISEMAN

Carlo Marconi - NARRATOR

Skylar Williamson - ANGEL

5th grade

Abigail Hallowell - NARRATOR

Macallister Simpson - STAR

Gaelle Gouny - MARY

6th grade

Tommaso Marconi - JOSEPH

Isabella Maria Djuravcevic - ANGEL GABRIEL

Confirmation Candidates

Jack Foley-Murphy - SHEPHERD WITH HIS DOG LUCKY AS A SHEEP

Connor Calabria - HERALD ANGEL

Plum Garvey - SHEPHERD WITH HIS DOG AS SHEEP

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Adriana Braganza- NARRATOR

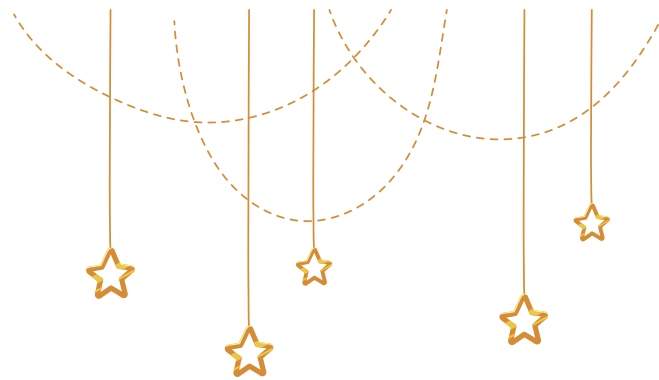
Adults

Sarah Artz and Joseph Garvey as the Camel

Innkeepers: Mary Ann Mullen, Jillian Simpson and Kelvin Chan

Francine McCaffrey as shepherd with her dog as sheep

Merry Christmas



IN THANKSGIVING TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN
SO MANY WAYS TO THE FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM AND
THE XAVIER LITURGIES

AND

IN MEMORY OF MARJORIE THRIG
(CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SHEPHARD)