



The Nativity of the Lord

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CAROLS BEFORE MASS

Let Heaven Rejoice R Dufford @ OCP Publications

Refrain: Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim through ev'ry land:
"Hosanna to our King."

Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake His people, lift your voice,
Proclaim it to the world. R./

Nations tremble, wise men amazed.
A Child is born this night.
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
A Father, Prince of Peace. R./

Songs of Angels "Glory on high
And peace to all on earth.
I bear glad tidings: Born this day,
Your Saviour and your God." R./

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Away In A Manger

V1, v2: unknown; V3: John McFarland

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 Thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle 'til 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 for heaven, to live with Thee there.

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Angels We Have Heard On High

Traditional French carol (Les Anges dans nos Campagnes)

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: 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? R./

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the Angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. R./

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Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley

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 newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n 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 as man with men 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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

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Entrance: O Come All Ye Faithful

John F Wade; trans. Frederick Oakeley

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!

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Communion: The First Noel

Traditional

The first Noel, the angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
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.

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.

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Thanksgiving: Silent Night, Holy Night

Joseph Mohr; trans. John F Young

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 Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, 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.

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Recessional: Joy To The World

Text: I. Watts (1674-1748) Music: G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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 saviour 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.

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.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
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Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
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May the spirit of Christmas fill your
hearts with joy and peace.