

Christmas Eve

2020



Lessons Carols Eucharist

CAROL SING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#270)

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

2 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, incarnate deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! **Refrain**

3 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 each child of earth, born to give us second birth. **Refrain**

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve (#271)

1 I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth! Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.

2 The little child in Bethlehem, he was a king indeed! For he came down from heav'n above to help a world in need.

3 He dwells again in heaven's realm, the Son of God today; and still he loves his little ones and hears them when they pray.

4 I am so glad each Christmas Eve! His praises then I sing; he opens now for ev'ry child the palace of the king.

5 When mother trims the Christmas tree which fills the room with light, she tells me of the wondrous star that made the dark world bright.

6 And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus too; and that he loves me ev'ry day I know so well is true.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (#288)

1 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!

2 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 forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye 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!

The First Noel (#300)

- 1 The first Noel the angel 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.**
- 2 They lookèd 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. **Refrain**
- 3 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. **Refrain**
- 4 This star drew near 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. **Refrain**
- 5 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. **Refrain**

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

French Canadian Carol (Huron/Wyandot) arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Handbells Laura Anderson, Theresa Jorgenson, Mary Lakota,
Karen Schultz, Mary Keller. Director

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful (#283)

- 1 Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the king of angels:
**Refrain Oh, come, let us adore him! oh, come, let us adore him!
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**
- 2 The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: **Refrain**
- 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 **Refrain**

St Luke 1:26-45 The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary & Elizabeth greets Mary

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.'* ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb

and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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 ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?*' ³⁵The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. ³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be* a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Sweet, Little Jesus Robert MacGimsey Rex Norris, Baritone

St Luke 2:1-7 The Birth in Bethlehem

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Ave Maria Franz Schubert Lynzy Slezak, Soprano

O Little Town of Bethlehem (#279)

- 1 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.
- 2 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!

- 3 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.
- 4 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; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

St Luke 2:8-14 The Angels and Shepherds

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,* the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,* praising God and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

Angels We Have Heard on High (#289)

- 1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? **Refrain**
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. **Refrain**

St Luke 2:15-20 The Shepherds Worship

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Pat-a-Pan Bernard de La Monnoye
Cheril Rios, Catherine Gollhofer, Harps

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (#282)

- 1 It came upon a 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 men, from heavn’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
- 2 And you 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.
- 3 For lo! The days are hast’ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

St Matthew 2:1-11 The Gifts the Magi bring the Christ Child

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd* my people Israel.” ‘ ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men* and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,* until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Still, Still, Still Austrian Carol arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Handbells Laura Anderson, Theresa Jorgenson, Mary Lakota,
Karen Schultz, Mary Keller. Director

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Acclamation

Musical notation for the Eucharistic Acclamation. The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain." Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C, G7, Am, F, G7, C, F, G7, C.

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P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

AGNUS DEI

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The notation includes various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs.

We encourage you to commune each other in your homes and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam tr. J Sullivan Dwight
Michaelann Wood, Soprano
Cheril Rios, Catherine Gollhofer, Harps

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

You are invited to light a candle and sing Silent Night

Silent Night Franz Gruber/Joseph Mohr
Michaelann Wood, Soprano with Baby Creedence Wood
Cheril Rios, Catherine Gollhofer, Harps

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