

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Nativity of Our Lord II: Christmas Day

10:00 AM Worship Service • December 25, 2022

Poetry and Carols



“As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ’s birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of “the salvation of our God.” O come, let us adore!

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex; or, if you are online during our worship service, drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship service on Sunday mornings during the summer is at 10:00 A.M. and also on livestream.

A nursery room is available during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have “activity binders” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6812 River Road, Newport News, VA 23607
(757) 245-7861 – <http://trinitylutheran-nn.com>
Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Canon de Noel

Joseph M. Martin

GATHERING

READING:

"Music on Christmas Morning" ~Anne Bronte

Judy Hunt

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

ADESTE FIDELES

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Incarnate God, on this Christmas Day we give you thanks for sending your Son to bring light to our darkness. Grant that we, like the angels over Bethlehem, may sing your praises in our hearts and lives.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,

you ruins 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.

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us the Son has given.

READING:	“Christmas Carol” ~Paul Dunbar	Bill Solomon
CAROL:	<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i> IN DULCI JUBILO	ELW 288
READING:	“The Risk of Birth” ~Madeleine L’Engle	Laura Davis
CAROL:	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> CRANHAM	ELW 294
READING:	“Christmas Bells” ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	Dave Roselius
CAROL:	<i>The Bells of Christmas</i> DET KIMER NU TIL JULEFEST	ELW 298
READING:	“Christ in the Universe” ~Alice Meynell	Anne Obara
CAROL:	<i>Of the Father’s Love Begotten</i> DIVINUM MYSTERIUM	ELW 295
READING:	“For the Time Being” ~W.H. Auden	Patricia McClelland
CAROL:	<i>Joy to the World</i> ANTIOCH	ELW 267

LESSON: John 1:1-14

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Glory to God in highest heaven,
who unto us the Son has given

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Has Come
UN FLAMBEAU

ELW 292

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Gracious God, you come from heaven above
into the midst of our world.

Fill our hearts

with the joy of the angels at your birth.

You come from heaven above
to the lowliest of human conditions.

Watch over those in need,

the sick, the hungry, the grieving.

You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.

Guide us to follow your path

of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.

You come from heaven above

to become flesh and live among us.

May we see your glory, full of grace and truth. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This

arr. John Behnke

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

What Child Is This

ELW 296

GREENSLEEVES

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of light and promise,

we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus,

offered to us from your most gracious heart.

Receive these gifts we offer here, in humble response to the grave give to us.

May we use them to worship you and to honor your children.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God who comes from heaven above be born in your hearts and live this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
IN DULCI JUBILO

ELW 288

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with us.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

David Sims



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Readers: A hearty Trinity thanks to all who are reading during the worship service this morning. Your time and willingness are greatly appreciated.

Council Election Results: All three members, Jerry Cobb, Sarah Green, and Patricia Wessler are now newly elected Church Council members and will be installed on Sunday, January 8. Congratulations and thanks to each of you for your willingness to serve Trinity Lutheran Church in this position.

Bible 365!!: Trinity members will be joining their siblings in Christ at Christ Lutheran Church, Duncannon, PA, starting late January 2023, for a weekly reading of the Bible. Our goal is to read the Bible starting with the Old Testament first and then reading the New Testament twice through before the end of 2023. Let Pastor Tina know if you are interested. A Constant Contact will go out soon with many more details about this new adventure. All are welcome to join us, including friends and family members who are not members of Trinity. **Start date: Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

The TEAM (Trinity Endowment And Ministries) Foundation is soliciting inputs for this year's charitable donations to local, national, and global organizations that embody TELC's statement of purpose. Organizations historically funded are, but not limited to, those that live into our desire to provide social ministry and community care and faith growth and development. Last year's \$5,000 distribution included donations to Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp, ELCA Leadership Fund, First Nations Development Institute, Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Pastoring the City, The Simple Sunflower. This year's distribution will include a portion of the Kessler bequest totaling over \$17,000 for causes you care about! Please fill out the attached form and submit to a member of Church Council or directly to church administrators **by January 1** for TEAM Committee consideration and Congregation Council approval. **FORMS FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS MAY BE FOUND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AND IN THE NARTHEX.**

Reconciling in Christ (RIC): Trinity's RIC Core Team wants to hear from you! There are three ways to send them your questions and comments along the journey: 1. Fill out a paper form in the TLC library and leave it in the drop box. 2. Bookmark and fill out the online form using the link that will be emailed to you this week 3. Click the link on the TLC website and Fill out the online form. Email the RIC Core Team if you

have any questions: ric@trinitynn.com

Newsome-Bailey Project: There are THREE options for helping underserved students in the East End, currently. Our newest request is to tutor GED students M-TH (9-12 &/or 12:45-2PM) with YouthBuild at Four Oaks Day Center. Newsome Park has tutoring spots open M-F 10:15-11:45 AM, working 1:1 with 3rd graders. And/Or you may choose to work with PK and K students on early reading/writing skills from 8:30 - 10 AM M-F at Marshall Early Learning Center. If you or someone you know would like to be trained for these volunteer positions, all in the East End NN, please contact Tinaotool@gmail.com or at 402-490-0312. You need not be available daily- we'll be grateful for any hours you may serve. Perfect for college students and those who are retired!

VANCO Online giving: The procedure to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, <http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com> and click on the green "online giving" link found on the homepage. If you are updating your donation and paying by credit card, you will need to reenter the CVC number. If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, 245-7861.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Bible study will be held on **January 3**, at **10:30 a.m.** in the church parlor and online via Zoom. All are welcome!

Worship and Music committee meeting: On January 3, there will be a Worship and Music committee meeting held in the church library and on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

Removing the Greenery from the Sanctuary: If you are free and available, on Wednesday, January 4, we will be taking down all of the greenery and Christmas trees. Many hands are needed to help take down and put away all of our decorations. We will begin at 4:30 p.m. and enjoy some pizza while we take care of business. All are invited to join us.

YOUTH

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: The youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024. The bracelets are \$5 each and make great gifts. Call the church office if you

need an order form or grab one from either the narthex or church office.

Sunday School for Youth Group: Come and hang out before church (8:45 -9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We will be watching *La La Land* for the month of January.

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Choir practice: Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Any youth or adult who enjoys singing is invited to join us - no musical training required, and we can work with any voice!

Trinity Bell Choir has a NEW Name: The Trinity Bell Ringers invite you to join their group. They have already performed one delightful piece of music recently. If you are interested in ringing bells, please speak with Geoffrey Bell. The Trinity Bell Ringers practice every Sunday, immediately after worship.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Joan Johnston (The Newport – Rm 33); Shut-in at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family and Becky Peterson**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters)**, requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and the family of Lou Kressaty**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Donna Gauthier**, requested by Laura Davis; **Donald Hall (son)**, requested by Susan Hall; **for the mental health of all those who are first responders**, requested by Dinah Balthis; **David Harvey (uncle) and Shirley Krause**, requested by Anne Obara; **Matt Eggar**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **James Newsome (son-in-law)**, requested by Bill Solomon; **Dick Duregger**, requested by Sandy Cobb; **Bob Johnson**, requested by Al Lebold; **Janet Edwards**, and **the family of Frances Wallace Sizemore (grandmother of Ryan Michael Blake)**, requested by Bill Solomon.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander

US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lois Krause, by Spindler and Shirley Krause.

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer

Acolytes

Torchbearers

Lector

Ushers/Greeters/Presenters

Judy Hunt

David Hunt

Camera/Livestream

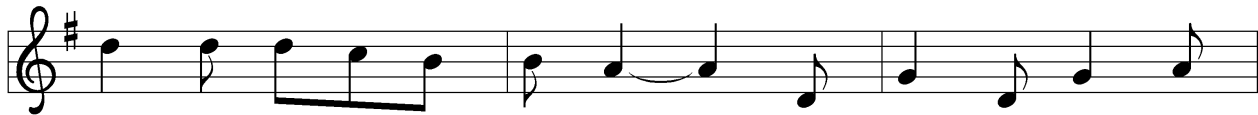
Clifford Obara

MERRY
Christmas





1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, 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 heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing 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!



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.



Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer
 1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
 2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
 3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled
 4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve
 guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
 find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
 babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who
 Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



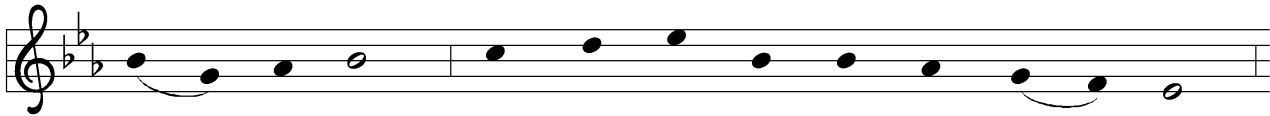
hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.
 dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
 man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
 glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.
 lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

5 O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,
 O Dayspring bright, awaited long,
 O Son of Man, incarnate Word,
 great David's Son, great David's Lord:

6 Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,
 and keep your Christmas in our breast;
 then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,
 shall swell our jubilee of song.



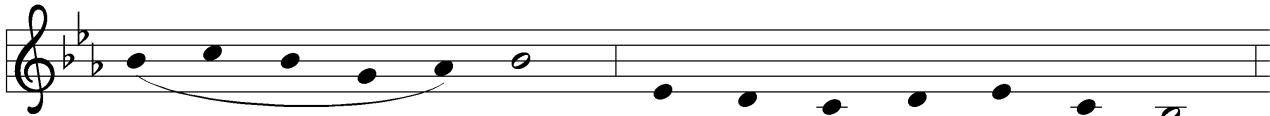
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



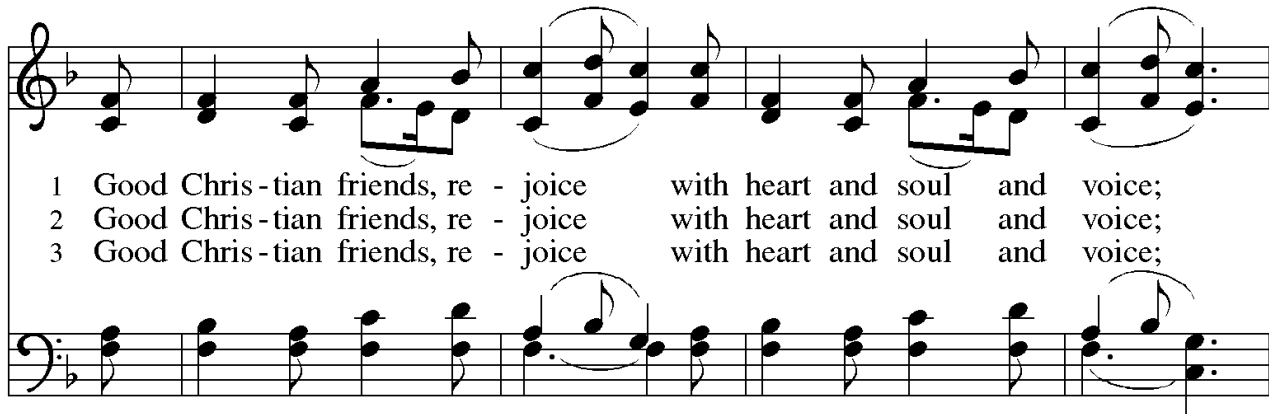
Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



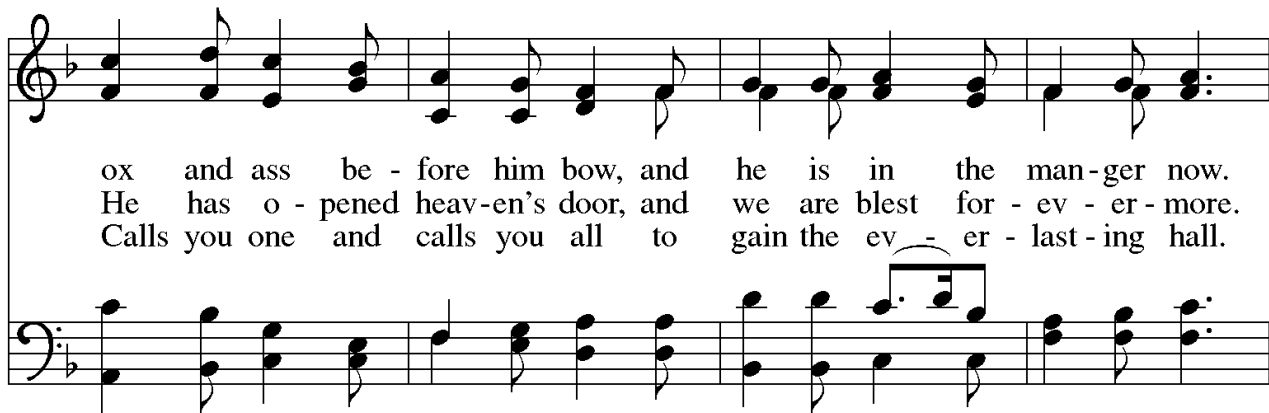
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



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