

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*First Sunday of Christmas*

*Lessons and Carols*

10:00 AM Worship Service • January 1, 2023



*In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.*

**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. 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.

**The nursery is available**, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

**Trinity offers an induction loop** for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

## TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 CAL TO WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Hunt

### PRELUDE

*Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol*

Gerald Near

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Solomon

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

**By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

**that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

**so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Jesus is the light of our lives.**

Sing to God a new song!

**A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

ELW 275

REGENT SQUARE

The Lord be with you.

Bill Solomon

**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bill Solomon

Let us pray.

Gracious God of heaven and earth,

you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness –

a beam of light that shines through Jesus.

Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.

Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.

Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world

and in our hearts .

**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18**

Kathy Stevens

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**            *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*            setting by Charles Adam Robinson  
Charles Adam Robinson, baritone

**SECOND LESSON: Micah 5:2-5a**

Dave Roselius

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

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

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

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
ST. LOUIS

ELW 279

**THIRD LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38**

Patricia McClelland

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The 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. Then 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*  
GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

ELW 265

**FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25**

Kathy Stevens

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord

commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

ELW 276

**FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-20**

Dave Roselius

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

*Where Shepherds Lately Knelt*  
MANGER SONG

ACS 909

**SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:21-38**

Patricia McClelland

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and

they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

*What Child Is This*  
GREENSLEEVES

ELW 296

**SEVENTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11**

Kathy Stevens

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'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.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then 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." When 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

*The First Noel*  
THE FIRST NOWELL

ELW 300

**EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:13-18**

Dave Roselius

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

*When a Star Is Shining*  
WHERE THE PROMISE SHINES

ACS 915



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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

*From Heaven Above (v. 1-3, 12-14)*  
VOM HIMMEL HOCH

ELW 268

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Bill Solomon

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.  
**Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In his light, draw all to the manger  
**to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

In his light, draw all to the manger  
**to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

In his light, draw all to the manger  
**to sing for joy with the angels.**

In the brightness of his life  
**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.  
**In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.**  
**Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Bill Solomon

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And Also with you.**

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*I Saw Three Ships*

arr. John Rutter

*I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day in the morning.  
Pray, whither sailed those ships all three, on Christmas day in the morning?  
O, they sailed into Bethlehem, on Christmas day in the morning.  
And who would be in those three ships, but Joseph and his Lady?  
And he did whistle and she did sing, on Christmas day in the morning.  
And all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas day in the morning.  
And all the angels in heaven shall sing, on Christmas day in the morning.  
Then let us all rejoice amain, on Christmas day in the morning.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Jesus, What a Wonderful Child*  
WONDERFUL CHILD

ELW 297

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Judy Hunt

God of abundance,  
**receive and bless these gifts we have offered.**  
**Join our hearts with the song of the angels,**  
**and gather us at your table of celebration.**  
**Strengthen us to share with all the world**  
**the abundance of your grace upon grace,**  
**poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.**  
**Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Judy Hunt

**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.

**BLESSING**

Judy Hunt

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
**Praise God, all creatures here below!**  
You are the shepherds telling the story.  
**We tell it in the streets and across the land.**  
You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.  
**We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**  
You are the angels announcing peace.  
**We live with joy and go now in peace.**  
Almighty God, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
MENDELSSOHN

ELW 270

**DISMISSAL**

Bill Solomon

Christ the Savior is born!  
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Fanfare and Postlude on *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Aaron Shows



# 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.

Musical Talents Shared: Thank you so much, Charles Adam Robinson, for sharing your time and talent with us on this New Year Sunday. Charles will be playing the baritone for the First Chr

**Council Election Results:** All three members, Jerry Cobb, Sarah Green, and Patricia Wessler are now newly elected Church Council members and will be installed next 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, 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

have any questions: [ric@trinitynn.com](mailto: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.

**Sine Nomine and St Mark Lutheran Church . . .** are delighted to present pianist Beckett Behel in concert on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 4:00 PM. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692. 757-898-4395. Sine Nomine Presents | St Mark Online ([smlconline.org](http://smlconline.org))

## 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 poinsettias, today, are given to the Glory of God.

## Serving the Assembly

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**Crucifer**

Keegan Wise

**Acolytes**

Karina Stevens

Samantha Harry

**Lectors**

Judy Hunt

Kelly Rummel

Kathy Stevens

Bill Solomon

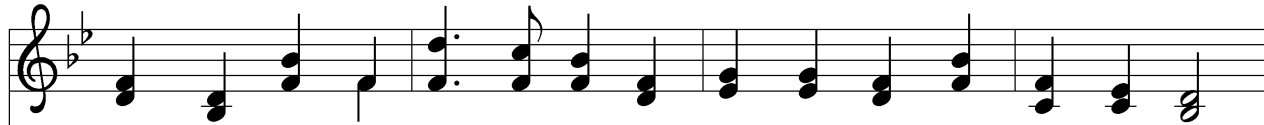
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Anne Obara

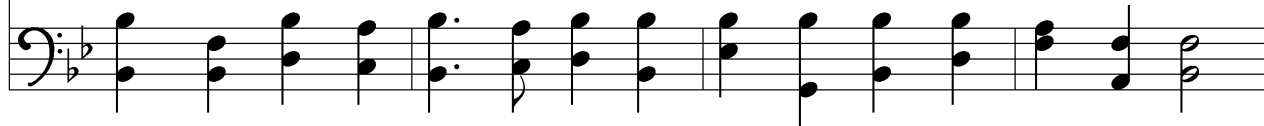
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Clifford Obara

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- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.





1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

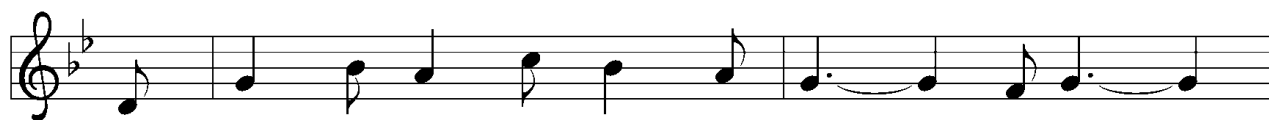
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



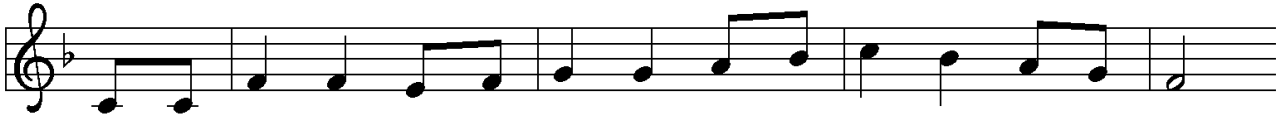
"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
 2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
 Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!



1 Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,  
 2 In that un - like - ly place I find him as they said:  
 3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,  
 4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned



I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange - ly stirred.  
 sweet new - born babe, how frail! and in a man - ger bed:  
 his proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound - ing heart I stare:  
 its way in - to my heart— un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,



But there is room and wel - come there for me;  
 a still, small voice to cry one day for me;  
 a child, a son, the Prince of peace for me;  
 to die, to live, and not a - lone for me;



but there is room and wel - come there for me.  
 a still, small voice to cry one day for me.  
 a child, a son, the Prince of peace for me.  
 to die, to live, and not a - lone for me?

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!

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . . and

*Refrain*

night that was so deep.  
tin-ued both day and night.  
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
place where Je - sus lay.  
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,  
 2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,  
 3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,  
 where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"  
 guide us through the shad - ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,  
 Where an earth - ly pow - er makes the heart turn cold,  
 show us in a man - ger our re - demp - tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.  
 there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.  
 bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.



*Refrain*  
 Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the



prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.





1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good  
 2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,  
 3 "This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your

*Insert additional stanzas as desired.*

12 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly child, pre - pare a  
 13 My heart for ve - ry joy now leaps; my voice no  
 14 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, who un - to



news to ev - 'ry home! Glad tid - ings of great joy I  
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of low - ly  
 sad and bit - ter cry, who will him - self your Sav - ior

bed, soft, un - de - filed, a qui - et cham - ber in my  
 long - er si - lence keeps; I too must sing with joy - ful  
 us the Son has giv'n." With an - gels sing in pi - ous



bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:  
 birth shall be the joy of all the earth.  
 be and from all sin will set you free."

heart, that you and I may nev - er part.  
 tongue the sweet - est an - cient cra - dle - song:  
 mirth a glad new year to all the earth!



Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won - der - ful child.



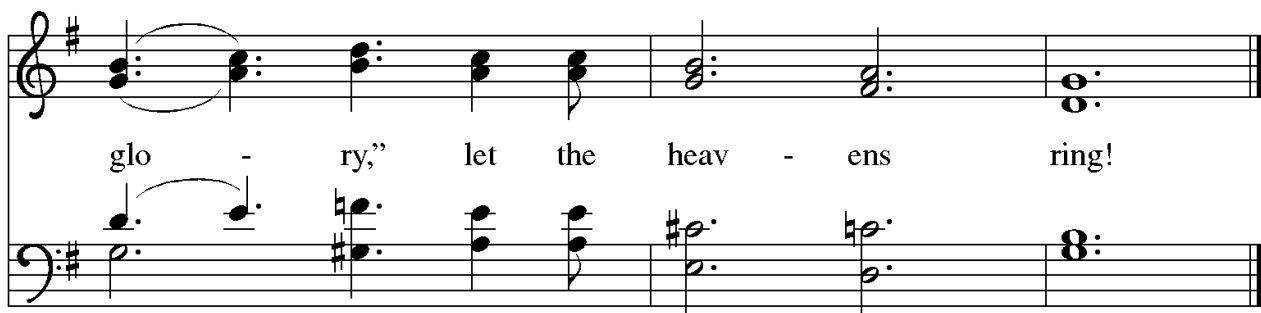
Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly, meek, and



mild; new life, new hope the child will bring.



Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry, glo - ry,"



glo - ry," let the heav - ens ring!

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the new-born king!'". The music ends with a double bar line.