

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas*

7:30 PM Candlelight Worship Service • December 24, 2025

ELW Setting 3



*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.



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# MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

*Please enjoy this prelude of instrumental and vocal carols  
celebrating the arrival of the Christ child, beginning at 7:00 pm.*

I Saw Three Ships arr. Aaron Shows

O Holy Night arr. Todd Marchand  
Nathan and Andrew Rummel, trombones

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella arr. Mark Hayes  
Patricia Fielding, soprano

Carol of the Bells arr. Peter Wilhousky  
Chancel Choir

Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol Gerald Near

It Came upon the Midnight Clear arr. Joel Raney  
Patricia Fielding, flute

Still, Still, Still (A Christmas Berceuse) Joseph M. Martin

Meditation on "The First Noel" Paul Fey

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain Carolyn Jennings  
Chancel Choir; Elena Stevens, soloist

*Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world,  
Lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms,  
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He who made the stars in the heaven, he who fashioned the earth and the sea,  
From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, He. Behold, your Lord!*

*He will come in power and glory, he will rule with mercy and truth,  
Hope of the nations, Light of all the world.*

*He will love the little children, he will hold them in his arms.  
Love him and trust him as a child, Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty Savior,  
Prince of Peace.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,  
**we yearn for your presence to transform  
our grief, pain, and despair.**  
**We confess that we have not always prepared  
room in our hearts for your love;  
we have not always recognized  
your presence among us;  
we have not always embraced your message of peace.**  
**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,  
oppression, and fear.**  
**We confess our failure to make room  
for those seeking refuge;  
our participation in violent systems  
that harm your innocent ones;  
our reluctance to embody your good news.**  
**Be born in us today  
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.**  
**Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.

✙ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

**Amen.**

## 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.

## HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
ADESTE FIDELES

ELW 283

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
GLORIA

ELW 289

*The assembly is seated*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

**HYMN**

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*  
CAROL

ELW 274

**SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14**

*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity.  
Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our  
Savior's final appearance.*

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM; stanzas 1-3

ELW 295

*The gospel is proclaimed in the center of the congregation, symbolizing Christ's incarnation--the Word of God coming into the midst of the people. The doors are opened so that the gospel may be proclaimed to the world*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM; stanzas 4-5

ELW 295

SERMON

*The assembly stands*

Pastor Tina Toburen

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
MENDELSSOHN

ELW 270

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We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*The assembly is seated*

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Calypso Lullaby*

Joel Raney

Chancel Choir and Trinity Ringers; Based on "Mary's Boy Child" by Jester Hairston

*On a clear and starry night on a hillside far away,  
shepherds saw a golden light, and they heard the angels say:  
"Alleluia, shout for joy," sweet music fills the sky.  
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.*

*Sleep, sleep, sleep, little one, rest your head.  
Dream of peace on earth in your manger bed.*

*Angels filled the evening sky and with joy began to sing:  
"Glory be to God on high! Let the bells of heaven ring!"  
Alleluia, shout for joy, sweet music fills the sky.  
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.*

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.  
Alleluia, shout for joy, sweet music fills the sky.  
The heavens ring while angels sing a Christmas lullaby.*

*The assembly stands*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*On Christmas Night  
SUSSEX CAROL*

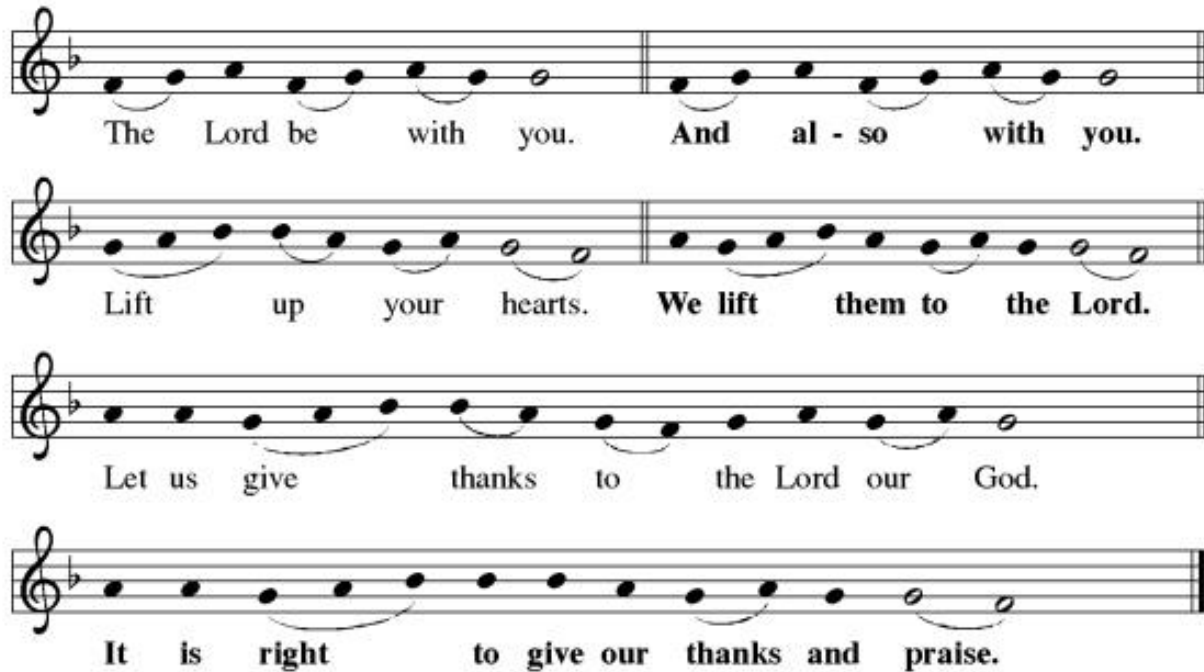
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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of glory,  
**great are your wonders among us  
and many are the blessings you bestow.**  
**Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,  
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,  
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## MEAL

### 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.

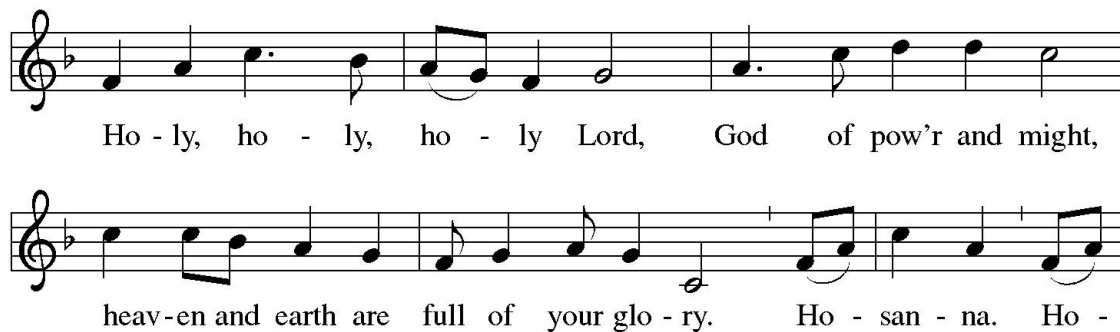
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

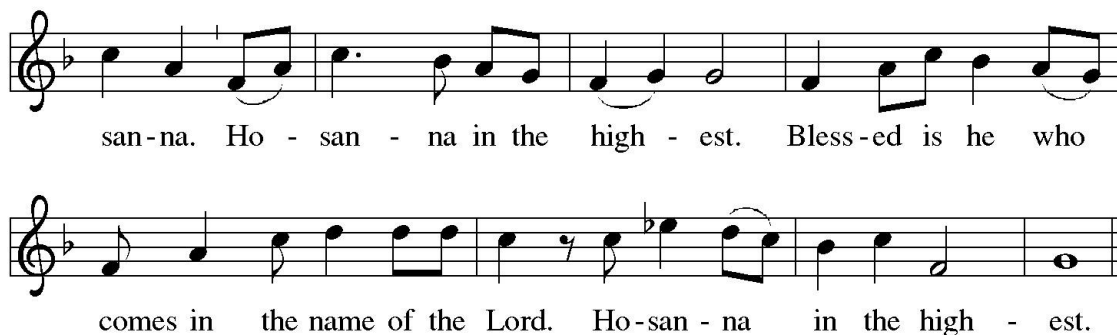
### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

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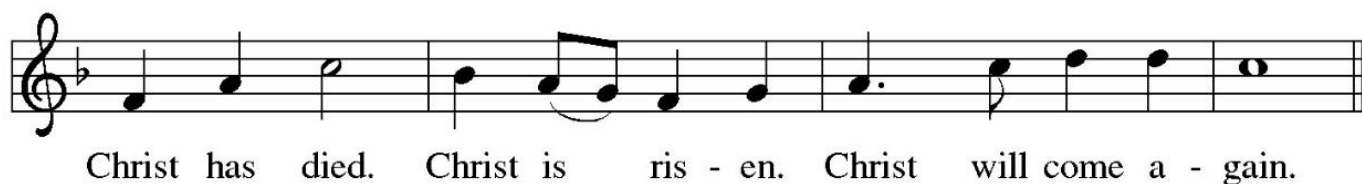


## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



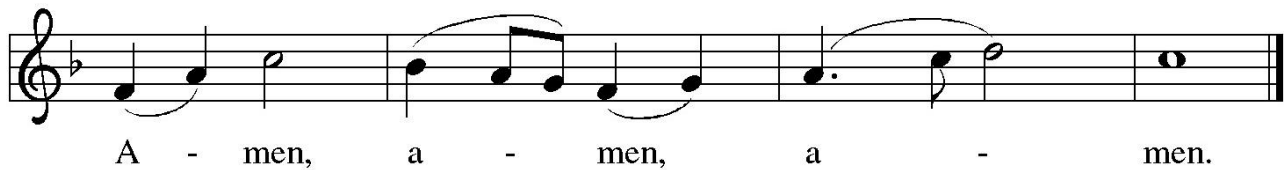
With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



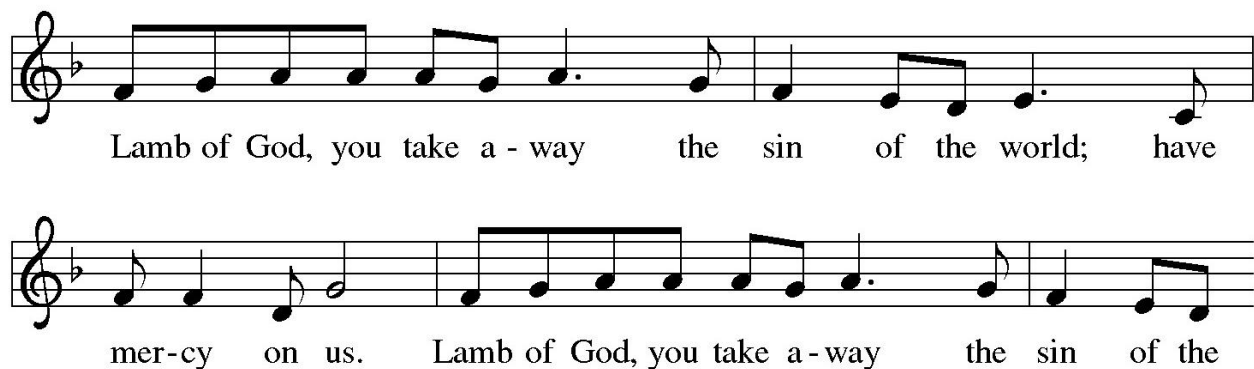
### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

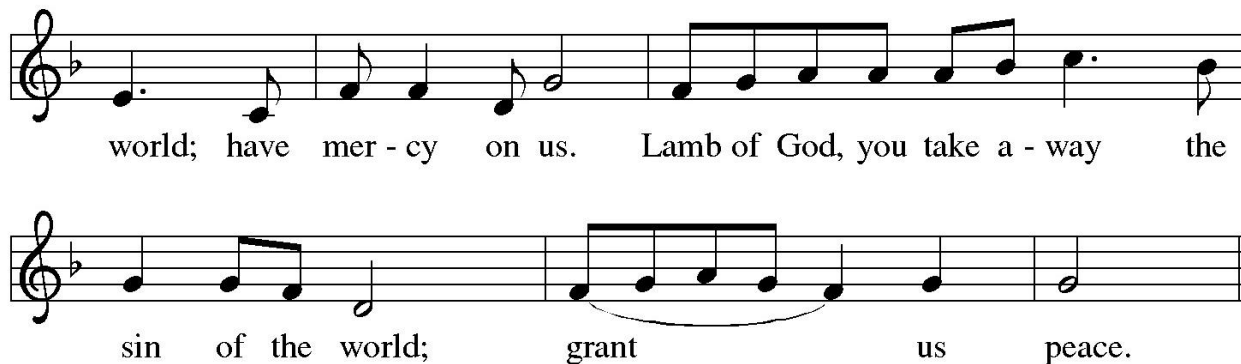
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### AGNUS DEI



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## COMMUNION

*Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a **clear** cup with wine or a **purple** cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary. Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
ST. LOUIS

ELW 279

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

ELW 276

*Nativity Carol (John Rutter)*  
Chancel Choir

*Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago;  
Born 'neath light of star he who loved us so.*

*(Refrain) Far away silent he lay, born today, your homage pay,  
For Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day.*

*Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby;  
Over her son so dear angel hosts fill the sky. (Refrain)*

*Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills  
Worship the babe so rare, hearts with his warmth he fills. (Refrain)*

*Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow;  
Innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know. (Refrain)*

## TABLE BLESSING

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

### SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHT

*†† Ushers will come to light the candle of the person on the end of each aisle.  
Please carefully dip the unlit candle into the lit candle flame. Do not dip the lit candle.  
Lighted candles should be held in an upright position so that hot wax will not drip.  
When extinguished, please continue to hold your candle upright until it cools.  
Following the service, please return your candle to a designated box or to an usher.*

#### ORGAN MEDITATION

*Berceuse on Silent Night*

Charles Callahan

#### CANDLELIGHT HYMN

*Silent Night, Holy Night*  
STILLE NACHT

ELW 281

*After singing the third verse, please hum an additional verse.  
Choose a chime at which you will extinguish your candle.*

### SENDING

#### BLESSING

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,  
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.  
**Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN

*Joy to the World*  
ANTIOCH

ELW 267

#### DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!  
**And peace to God's people on earth!**  
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

*Festival Flourish on "Joy to the World"*

Jacob B. Weber

**SERVING THE ASSEMBLY**

**CRUCIFER** — Shawn Murphy

**ACOLYTES** — Luke and Samantha Harry

**TORCHBEARERS** — Drew and Nathan Rummel

**BIBLE BEARER** — Patrick Spisak

**CLEARY CROSS**—Mark Madler

**LECTOR** — Charles Robinson

**USHERS/GREETERS** — Dave Roselius, John Lunsford, Trisha Wessler, and Jacob Wessler

**CAMERA/LIVESTREAM** — Doug Hill



Merry  
Christmas

The image features the words "Merry Christmas" in a highly decorative, cursive script. The word "Merry" is written in a vibrant green color, while "Christmas" is in a deep red. Both words are adorned with elaborate, flowing flourishes that extend from the letters, creating a sense of movement and elegance. The background is plain white, which makes the colorful, ornate text stand out prominently.

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.



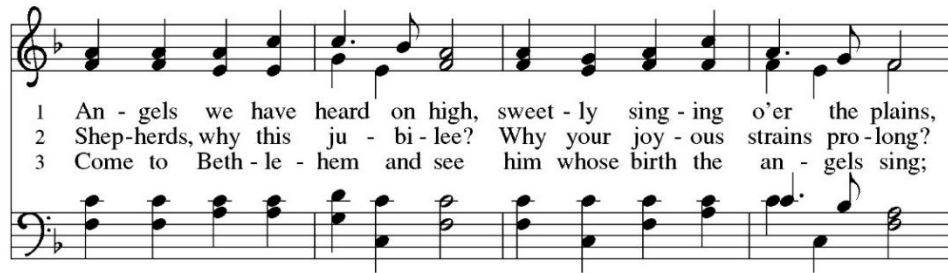
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
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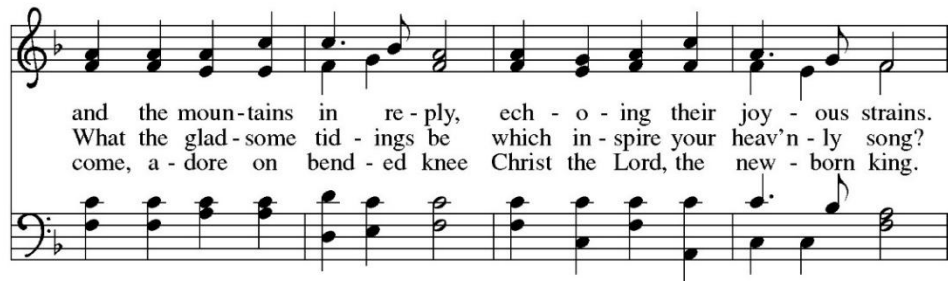
come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!



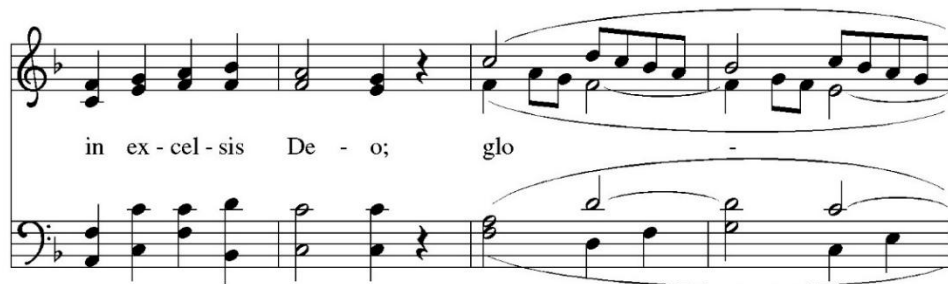
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.




*Refrain*  
Glo - ri - a





in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a





ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.





1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,




from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.





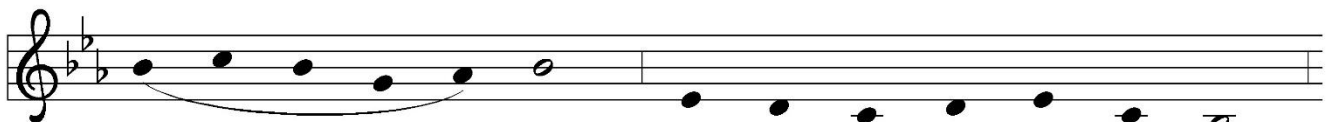
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and,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



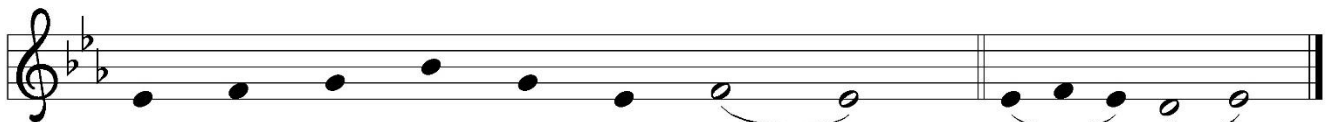
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



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

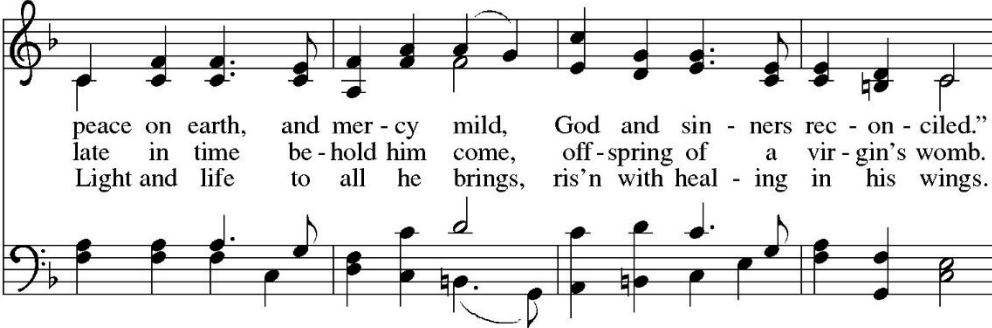


ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
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 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.



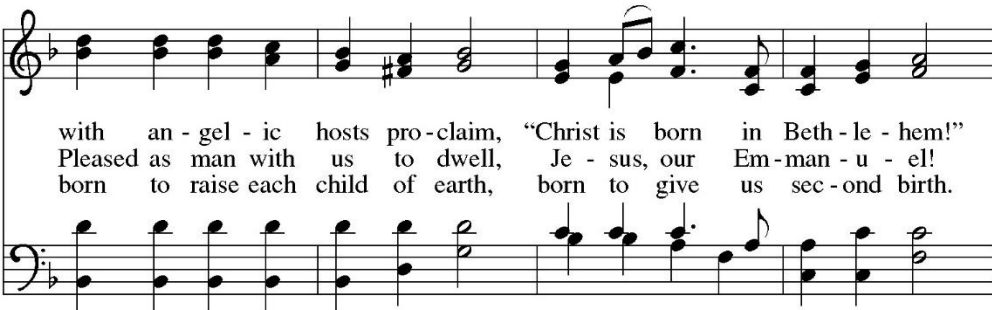
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



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.

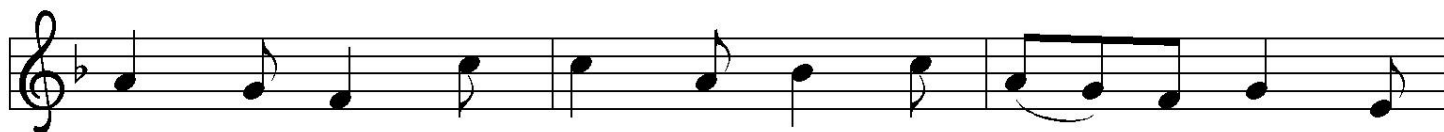
*Refrain*



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



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the  
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er  
 3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come  
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to  
 made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since  
 in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then  
 sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great  
 our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us  
 life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and  
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.  
 free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?  
 sing, all for to see the new-born king.  
 heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

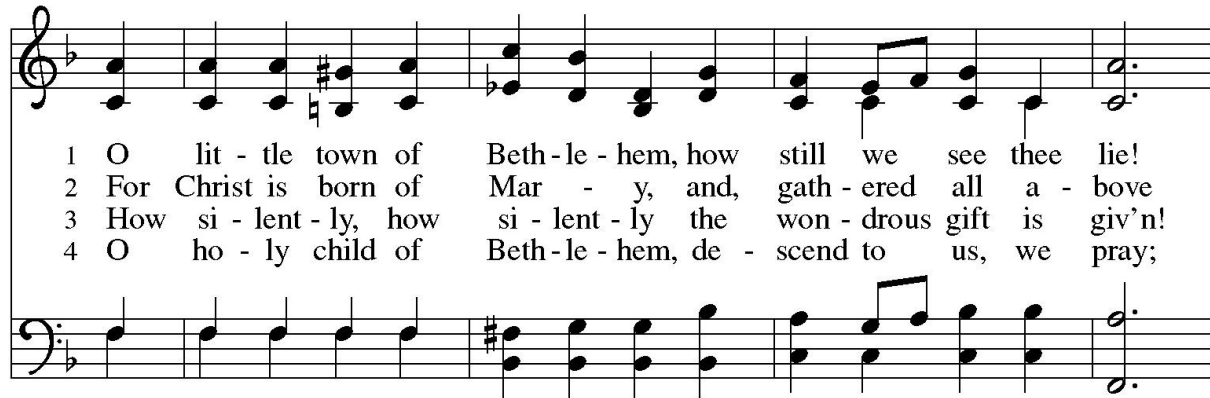
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Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

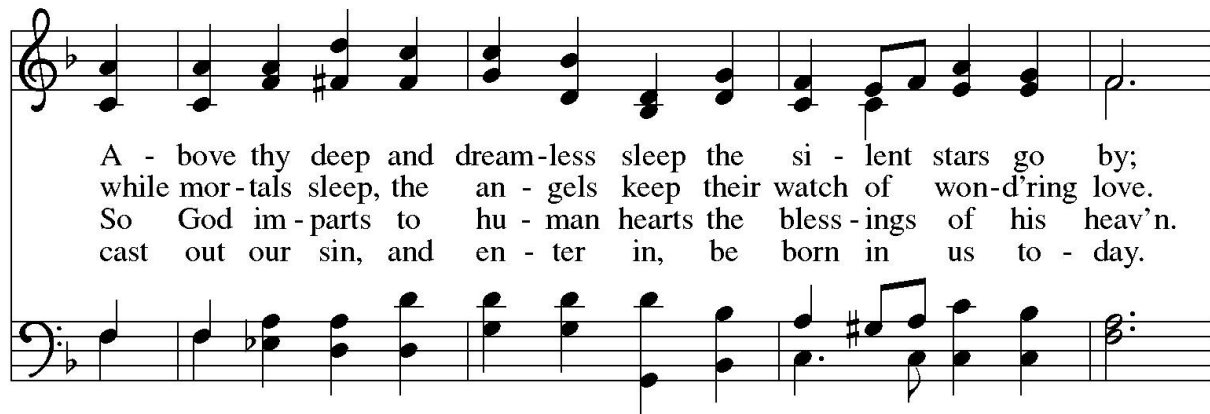
# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

## *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

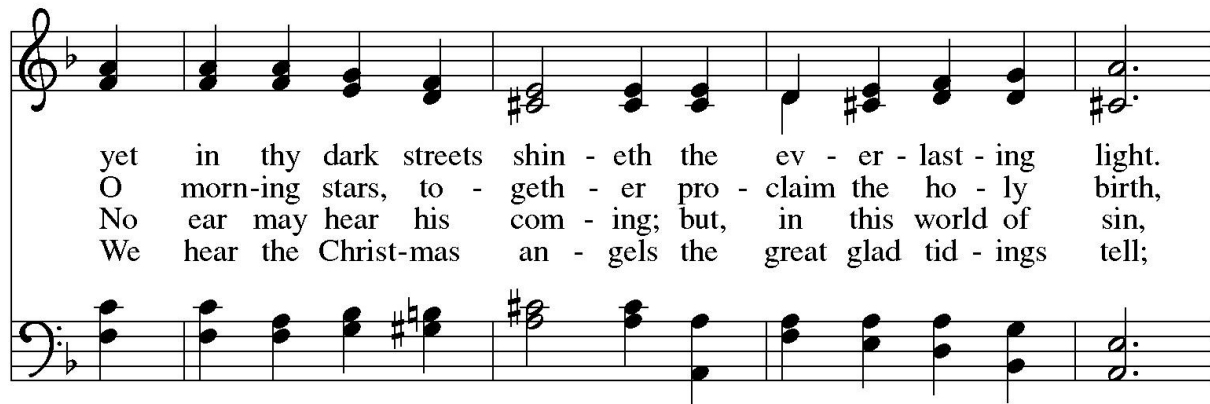
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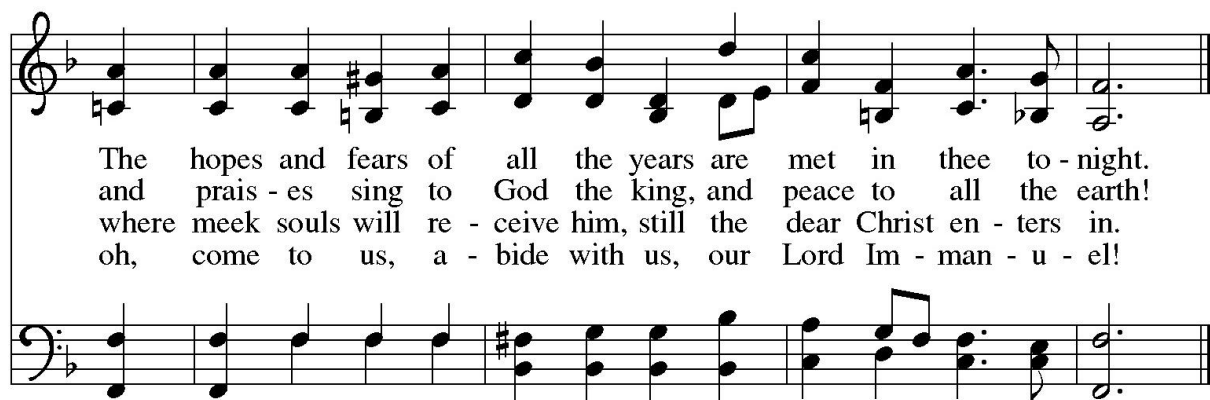
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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;

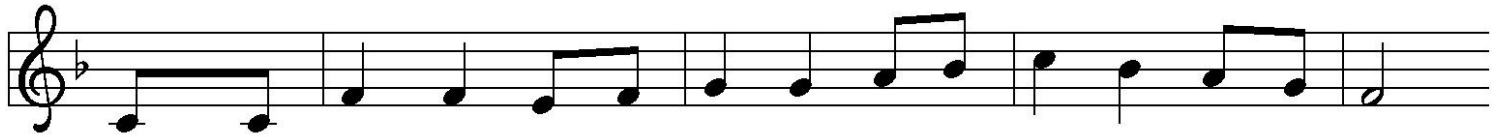


The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

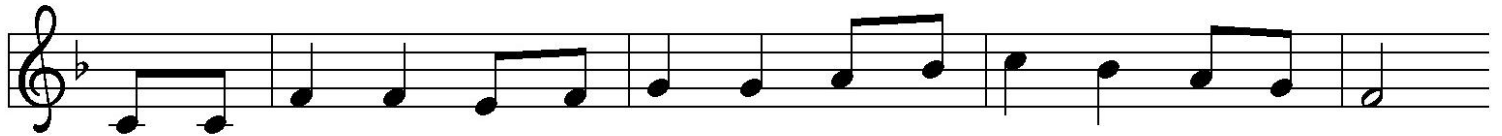
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*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

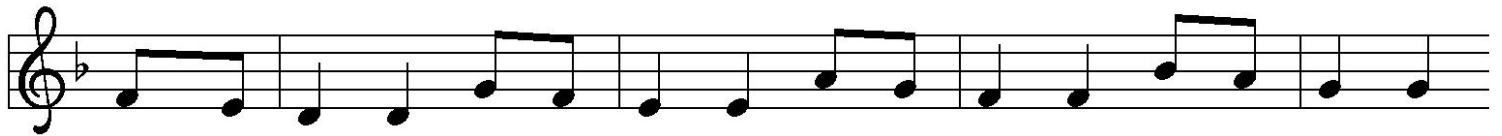
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1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



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!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.  
Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

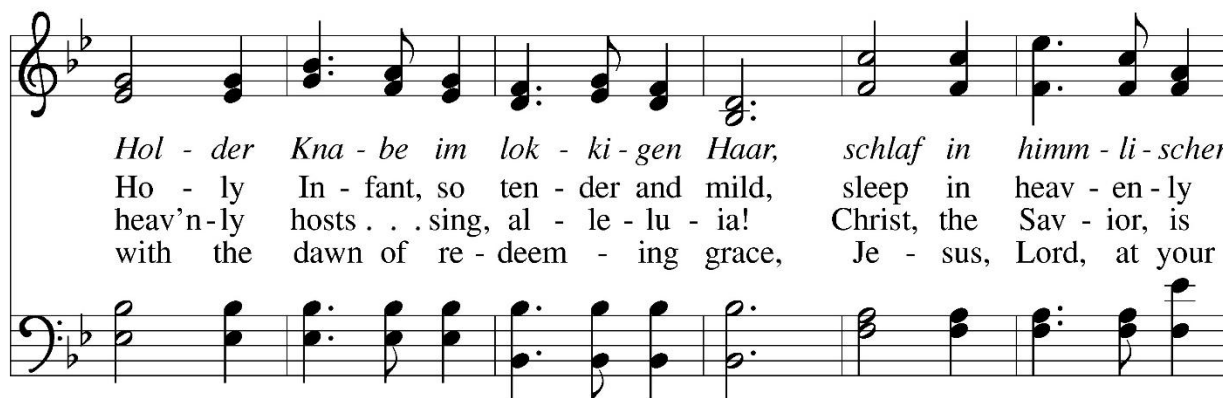




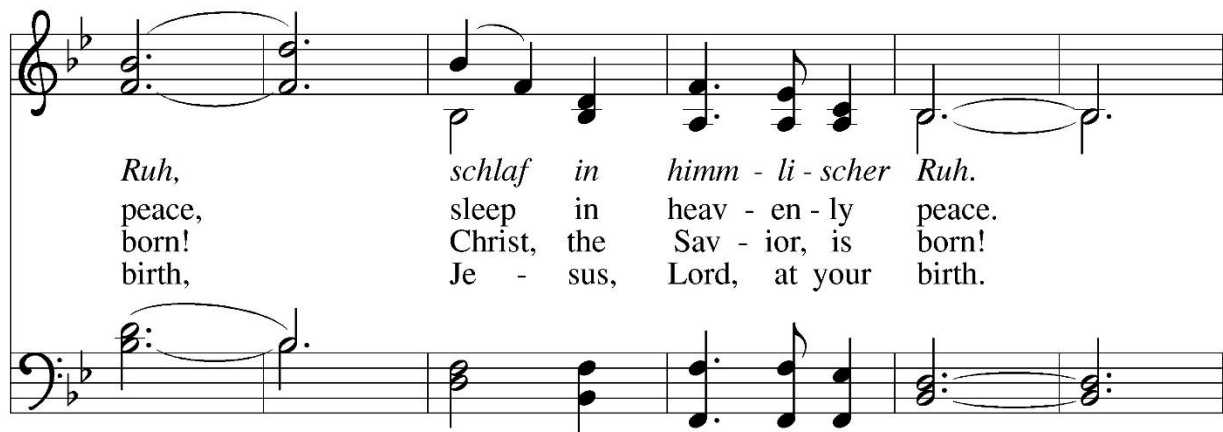
*Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



*ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.*  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



*Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher*  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



*Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.*  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

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,