

Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2023

4:00 & 8:00 PM



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.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

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and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Preludes (4:00) *Christmas Lullaby*
from Songs for a New World by Jason Robert Brown
Emily Gates, soloist

A Hallelujah Christmas by Cloverton
Grace Band

Preludes (8:00) *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Patricia Nyce

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If Ye Would Hear the Angels Sing Brass Quartet

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Winter Birth Flute and Piano

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Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day Patricia Nyce

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March of the Three Kings Brass Quartet

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Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme from Cantata 140
Flute and Organ

And the Glory of the Lord from "The Messiah" Brass Quartet

Christmas Fantasy for Brass and Organ Brass Quartet

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Welcome

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

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light.

Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful* ELW #283

Please be seated.

Children's Choir (4:00) *He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child*
Lindsey Waltermeyer, piano

Children's Message (4:00) Nikki Young

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

(4:00) Miller Quigley

(8:00) Erica Lucas

A reading from the book of Isaiah

² 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.

³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn of Praise *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW #283

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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

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

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn of the Day (4:00) *Go Tell It on the Mountain* ELW #290
Grace Band

(8:00) *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW #289

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Please be seated.

Offertory Message

Choir Anthem (8:00) *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

Barbara Eisenhart, handbells; Josh Young, percussion

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please rise as you are able.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table, open to everyone.

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The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat.

(The response is "Amen", then eat the bread).

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.

(The response is, "Amen", then drink the cup).

Communion Hymns (4:00) *Away in a Manger* ELW #278

Angels We Have Heard on High ELW #289

What Child Is This ELW #296

Communion Hymns (8:00) *What Child Is This* ELW #296

Away in a Manger ELW #278

The First Noel ELW #300

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Candle Lighting

*To light a candle, tilt the candle to be lighted to the lit candle.
Glow sticks are available for children.*

Solo/Duet

Cantique de Noel

(4:00) Emily Gates

(8:00) Carolyn Fleming, soprano; Lee Wesner, baritone

Hymn

Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

(4:00) John Hazel, guitar

(8:00) 1st verse in German by chancel choir, vs. 1-3 congregation

(8:00 Choir Only)

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Alles schläft, einsam wacht

nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.

Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,

schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,

schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

(Both Services)

Silent night, holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,

sleep in heavenly peace,

sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight;

glories stream from heaven afar,

heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!

Christ, the Savior, is born!

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Silent night, holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light

radiant beams from your holy face,

with the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at your birth,

Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

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Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn (4:00) *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

ELW #270

(8:00) *Joy to the World*

ELW #267

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get’em!!!

Postlude

Tu Scende Della Stelle

Patricia Nyce

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Announcements

Today

Serving Today 4:00 Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Marty Hauser, George Trowbridge and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Miller Quigley; Children’s Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: London Meeker; Communion Assistants: Donna Kehs and Nikki Young
8:00 Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Bill Allen and Brian Flack; Lector: Erica Lucas; Acolyte: Elsa Lucas; Communion Assistants: Carolyn Fleming and Marsha Staub

Musicians: Nancy Mest, flute; Ed Galick, trumpet; Dave Ermold, trumpet; Greg Mest, trombone; Mark Brumbach, trombone

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Jim Gross and Bryce Manthorne; Acolyte: Bryce Manthorne

Altar Guild Serving this Month Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart and Marsha Staub

The Nursery room is now open. It is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship services as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment, toys and books included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Military: Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Toni Rath	Katy Mahon-Miller	Matt Hall
Luann Hanley	Carol Estes	William Trotter
Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer
Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer	Betty Lou Shadle
Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini	Raul Castro
Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch	Wilma Lahr
Melissa	Bernadette Phillips	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner	Robert Ganovsky
Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess
Sue Care	Deb Matthews	Marceline
Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger
Hank Droneberg	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Mary Van Dyke	Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout
Denny Smith	Verdie Smith	Mabel Gaugler
Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann
Joan Price	Rodney Snell	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
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In memory of Jacqueline Boyer and Jean Boyer
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their children

In memory of loved ones by Randy and Vicki Dotterer

In memory of grandparents Fred and Stella Renninger and John
and Annie Eidle by their grandchildren

In memory of Robert and Stella Eidle by their children

In memory of Charles and Helen Eisenhart and Ralph and Ruth
Wirt by the Carl Eisenhart family

In memory of her husband, George, and her brother, Paul Pickles,
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In memory of John O. Karns by his family

In memory of her husband, Jerry Karver, by his wife Betty

In memory of her parents, John and Mary Fry, by Betty Karver

In memory of Lawrence and Nancy Moser and in honor of their
children and grandchild by Charlie and Donna Kehs



In memory of John and Alice Rhoads and Charles and Lois Rhoads
by Jim and Mary Alice Mack

In memory of David Helfrich, Jr., and in honor of Louise Helfrich
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In memory of their parents, Earl and Iva Kulp and Chester and
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In memory of Larry Peto by his wife, Yvonne

In memory of Larry Peto by Candis and John, Lauren and Kyle,
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In honor of those serving in the military by Dave and Dot Pollock

In memory of mother/grandmother Sally Kohl and all loved ones
by the Rothermel family

In memory of their parents and in honor of their family by Doug
and Bette Senne

In memory of Robert Sloan by his wife and daughters

In memory of Frederick K. Smith by Verdie Smith

In honor of Verdie Smith by Kay Kurtz

In honor of their grandchildren Ava, Knox, Dylan, and Finn by
Rick and Debbie Solazzo

In honor of their daughter, Elsie, and in memory of their
grandparents by Nathan and Alexandra Solt

In memory of Harold Specht, Wayne and Sadie Deysher, and John
and Ella Specht by Virginia Specht

In memory of Ken and Ann Kissinger and R. Leland, Sr. and
Kathryn Wesner by Lee and Sandy Wesner

In memory of William and Fietta Moyer and Ralph and Ruth Wirt
by Don and Jo Anne Wirt

In memory of Ray and Betty Latshaw and Donald and Arlene Wise
by Jeff and Sharon Wise

In memory of her husband, Buddie Wolfe, parents, siblings, in-
laws, and nephew by Nancy Wolfe



Christmas Tree Sponsors

The Welcome Center tree is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church for having open arms to everyone, and being welcoming to all of Christ's servants and believers.

A Sanctuary tree is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Buddie Wolfe by his wife Nancy.

A Sanctuary tree is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Charles and Helen Eisenhart by Shirley Eisenhart.



Wishing you and your family
a blessed Christmas and a
happy and healthy new year.

— The staff at NHELCC

Send

Joy to the world!

Joy to the World, *Silent Night*, and many other hymns help us celebrate Jesus' birthday. Sing them often, especially your favorites!

Match the title of the hymn on the left with the illustration on the right.

ANGELS WE HAVE
HEARD ON HIGH



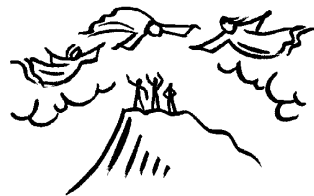
AWAY IN A MANGER



GO TELL IT ON
THE MOUNTAIN



JOY TO THE WORLD



This week

Celebrate Jesus' birthday with family and friends. Make a birthday cake and sing a few carols!

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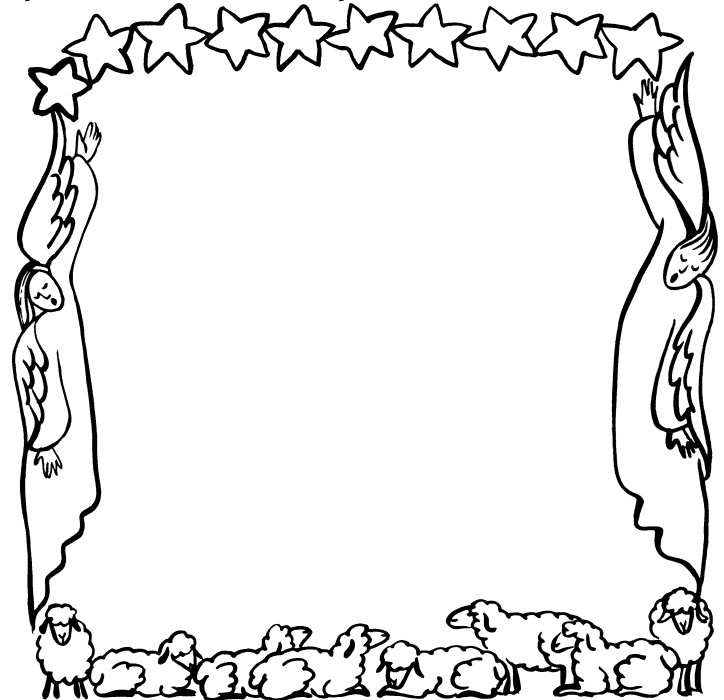
Kids Celebrate

Nativity of Our Lord



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Welcome to worship. It's Christmas and the angels are singing *Glory to God in the highest!* Jesus is here and our long wait is over. Use all of your senses to experience this wonderful time. Look around—what do you see? Listen—what do you hear? Close your eyes and breathe deeply—what do you smell? What can you taste? What can you touch?



Draw a picture of your special Christmas, and show how you might celebrate with the angels.

Angels and shepherds

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Luke 2:1-20 tells the Christmas story differently from the way Matthew 1:18–2:12 tells it. Listen carefully as the gospel is read, and color in all of the characters you hear about. Next, circle those things you didn't hear about, and read about them in Matthew's story when you get home.

Trace the letters in the sky to learn what the angels were singing.

Draw a sign for Bethlehem.



Draw a few more sheep for the shepherds.

Draw Mary and Joseph's faces.

What is your favorite part of the Christmas story? Who can you tell?



Gloria! Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday, Jesus! Amen



At home, light candles to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

O, Come, All Ye Faithful



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!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

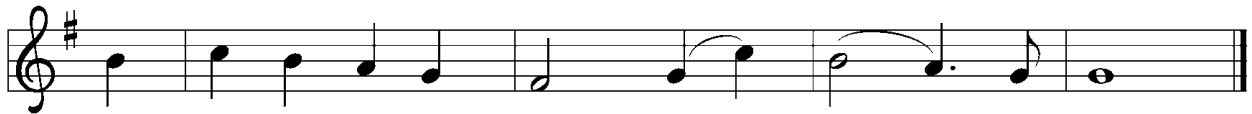


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

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!

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O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
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;

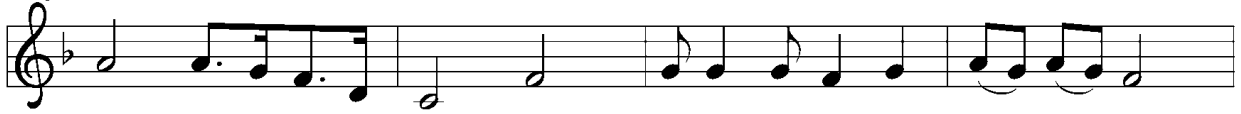


The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt. Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual. Text and music are in public domain.

Angels We Have Heard on High



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;

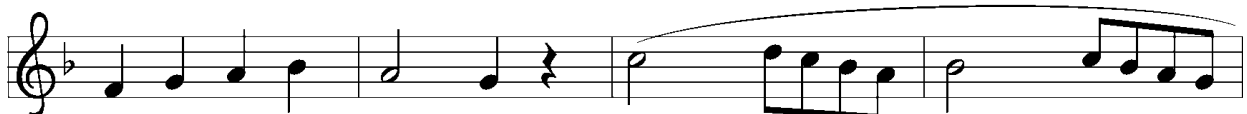


and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a



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



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

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What Child Is This



- 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!

"What Child Is This" Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898. Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent. Text and music are in public domain.

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

"Away in a Manger" Text: North American, 19th cent. Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841-1905. Text and music are in public domain.

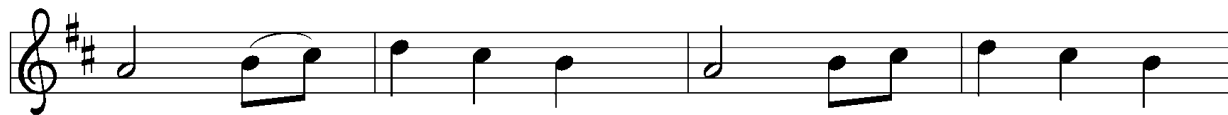
The First Noel



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.

"The First Noel" Text: English traditional. Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional. Text and music are in public domain.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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.



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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915. Text and music are in public domain.

Joy to the World



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



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.

"Joy to the World" Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872. Text and music are in public domain.