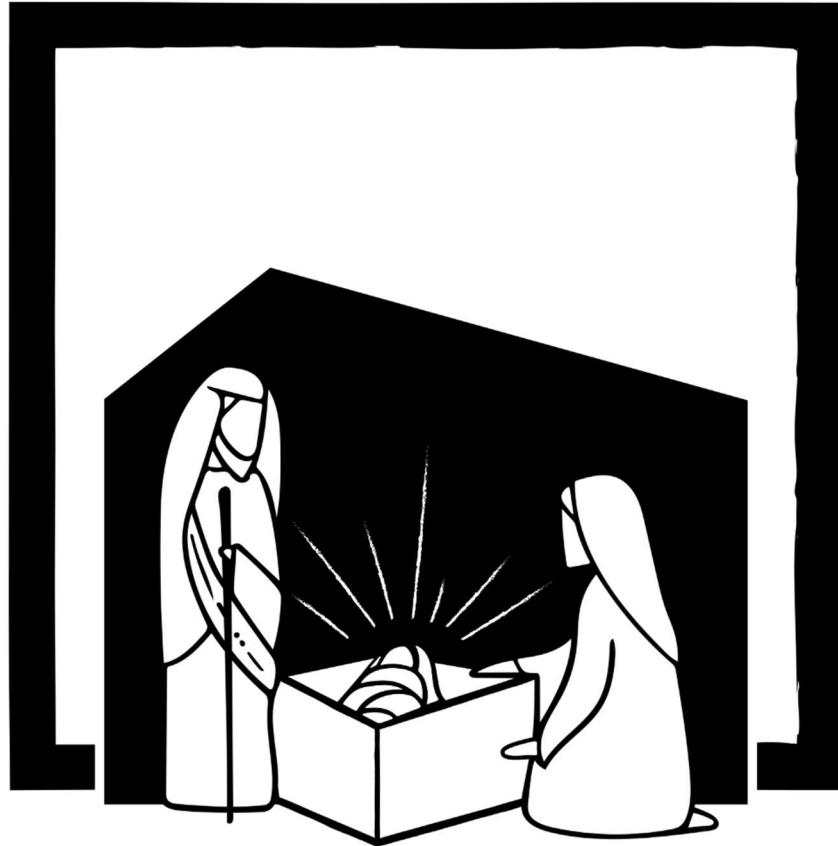


CHRISTMAS EVE 2022



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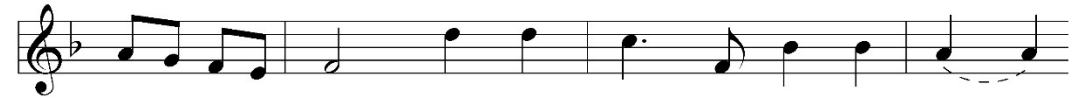
1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



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To the place where he is gone.
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CAROL

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LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

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 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

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 on those living in the land of deep darkness
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3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



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God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
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With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
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³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE FOURTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

CAROL

OH, COME' OH, COME' EMMANUEL
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph.

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting

this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

CAROL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #24, VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 “I come from heav’n to tell the Lord’s de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; “To
 wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; “All
 bless - ed vir - gin moth - er you shall be. Your
 me be as it pleas - es God,” she said. “My
 hail,” said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, “Most
 Son shall be Im - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, Most
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THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-20

The birth of the Savior

^{2:1} In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and

pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

SERMON

LUKE 2:1-20

“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

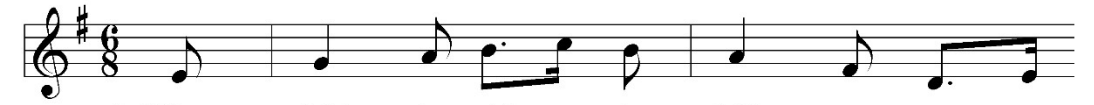
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^{1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

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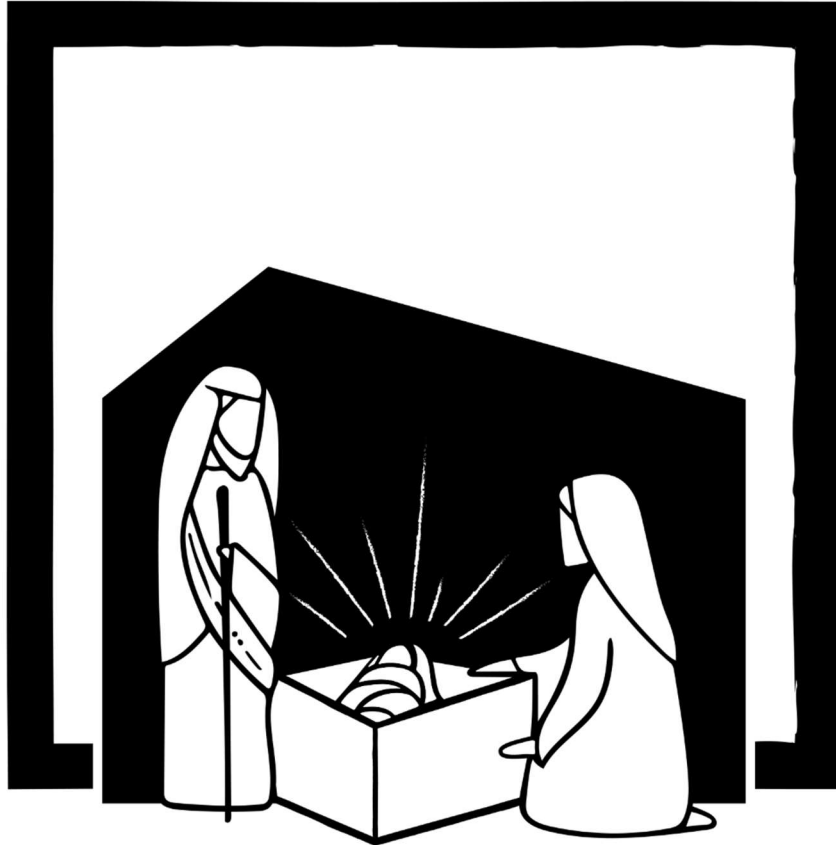
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
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CAROL

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 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

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 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



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 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

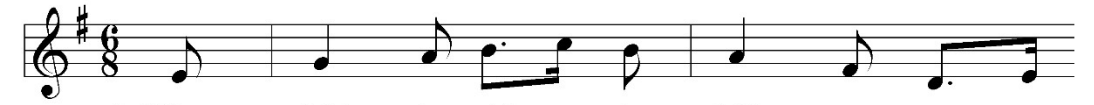
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CAROL

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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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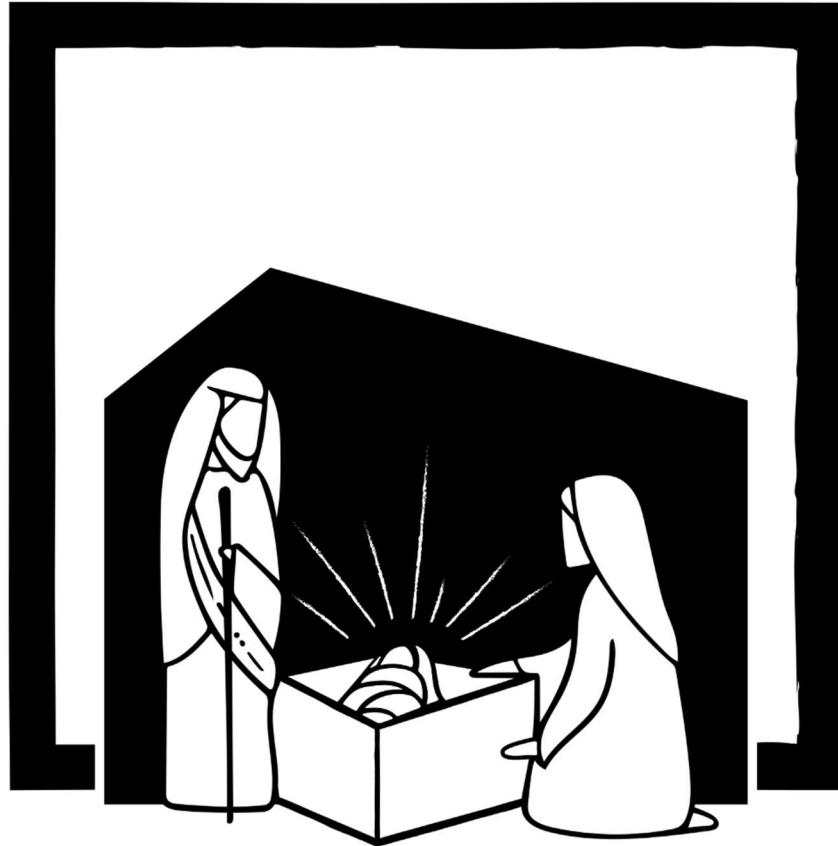
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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A SAVIOR IS BORN

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WELCOME



Our worship this evening is an adaptation of the Lessons and Carols service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #50



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.

EXHORTATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #63, VERSES 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -
 an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed
 ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a
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THE OFFERING

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because

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CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
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 He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
 establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
 from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty
 will accomplish this.

CAROL

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
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THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

The prophet speaks about the place where the Messiah will be born

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
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CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

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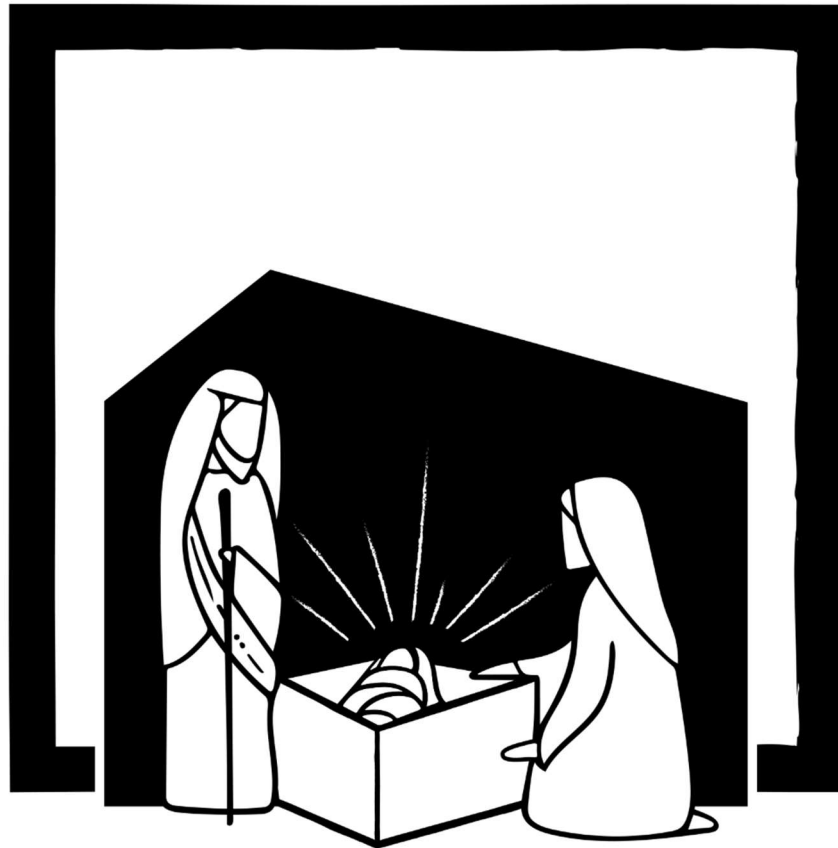
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SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

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3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
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2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



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LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
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 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

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 on those living in the land of deep darkness
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 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
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3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



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whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE FOURTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

CAROL

OH, COME' OH, COME' EMMANUEL
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

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²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting

this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

CAROL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #24, VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 “I come from heav’n to tell the Lord’s de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; “To
 wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; “All
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 me be as it pleas - es God,” she said. “My
 hail,” said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, “Most
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THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-20

The birth of the Savior

^{2:1} In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and

pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

SERMON

LUKE 2:1-20

“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

^{1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



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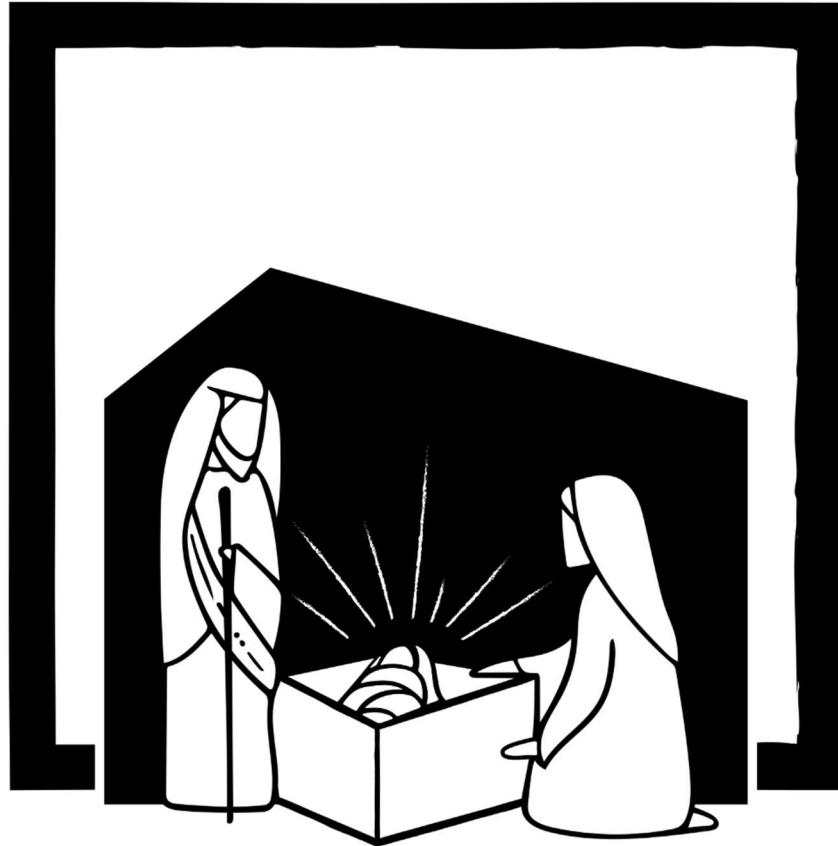
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CAROL

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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
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still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



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Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

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Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
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 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



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 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

^{1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
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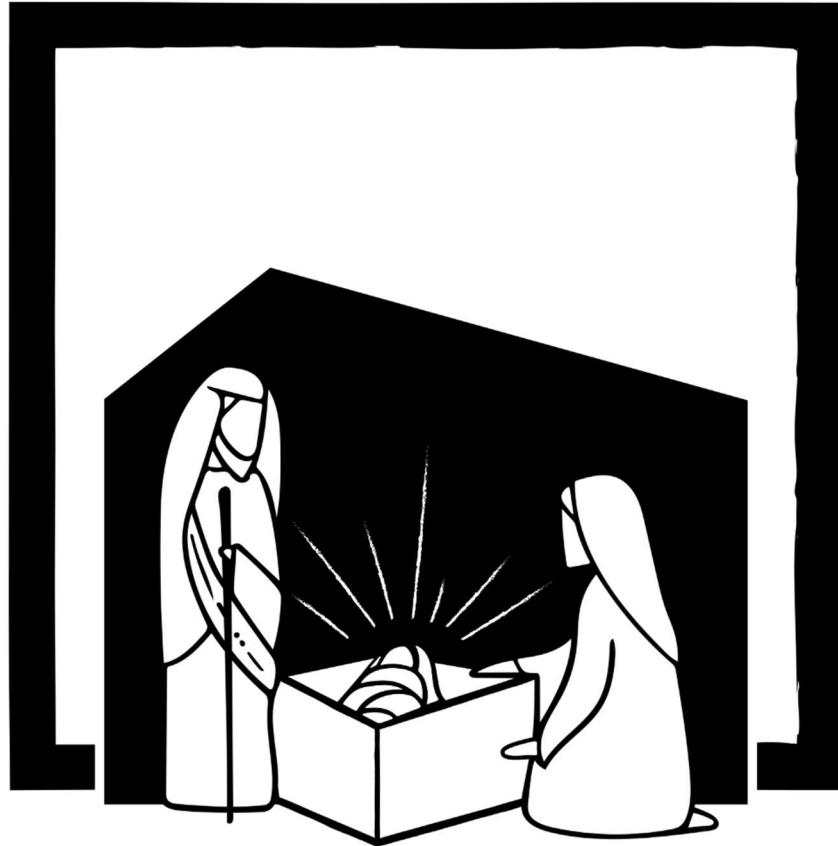
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
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born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
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WELCOME



Our worship this evening is an adaptation of the Lessons and Carols service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #50



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.

EXHORTATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #63, VERSES 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed
ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo -
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THE OFFERING

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because

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CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
tru - ly kept his word And at last to
proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
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Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
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will accomplish this.

CAROL

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
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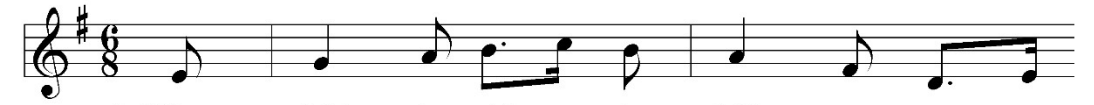
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CAROL

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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



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This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

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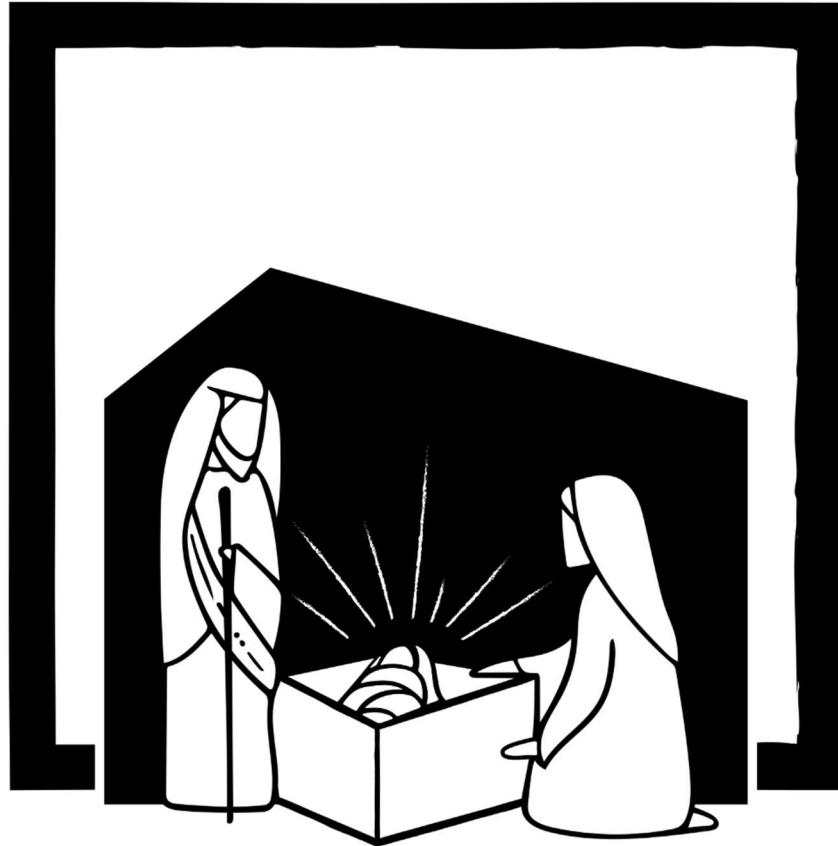
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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

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2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
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ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
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2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



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CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
tru - ly kept his word And at last to
proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
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establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

CAROL

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to



born in Beth - le - hem!"
our Im - man - u - el! Hark! The her - ald
give us sec - ond birth.



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THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

The prophet speaks about the place where the Messiah will be born

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE FOURTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

CAROL

OH, COME' OH, COME' EMMANUEL
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

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²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting

this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

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³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

CAROL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #24, VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 “I come from heav’n to tell the Lord’s de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; “To
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THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-20

The birth of the Savior

^{2:1} In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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SERMON

LUKE 2:1-20

“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
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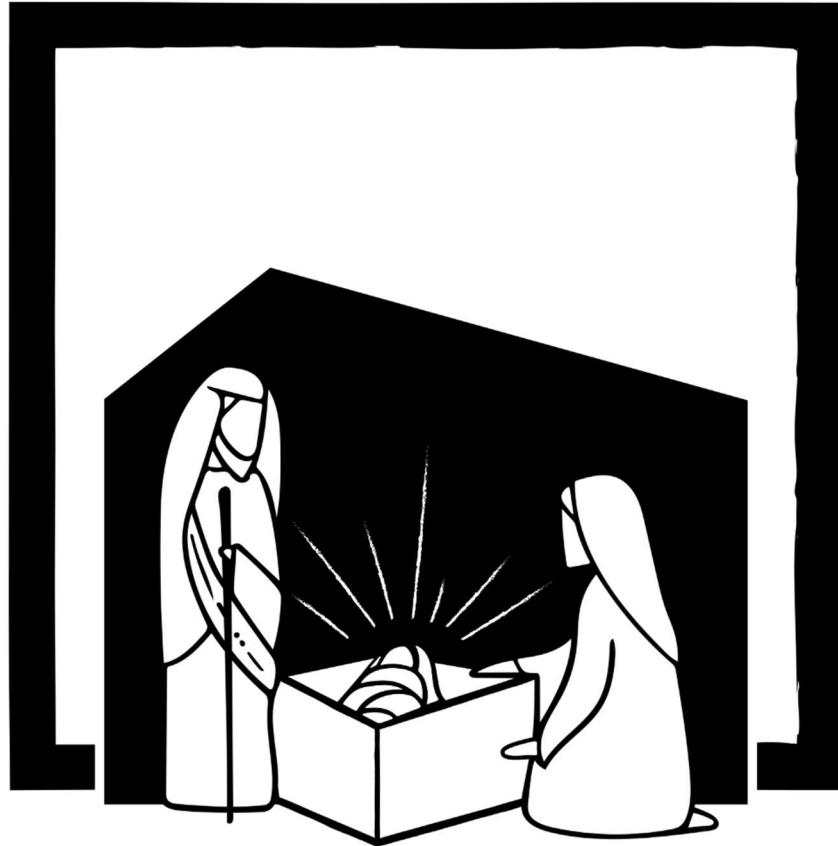
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new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
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glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



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And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
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Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
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ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
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 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

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 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

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Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
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SERMON

LUKE 2:1-20

“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

^{1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
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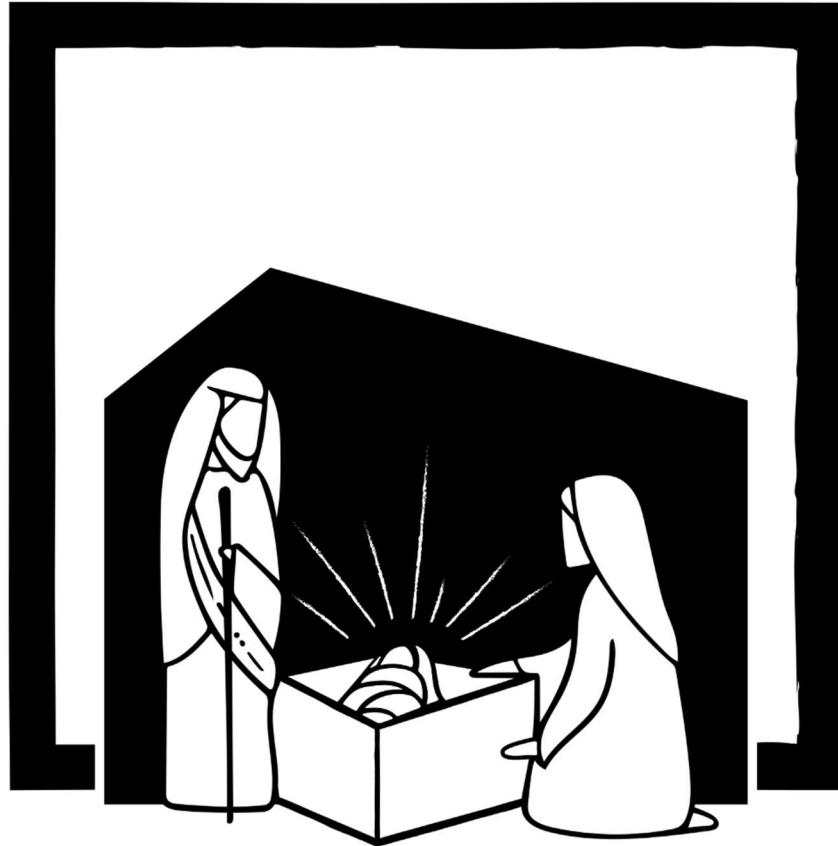
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US TOMORROW FOR
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**

CHRISTMAS EVE 2022



A SAVIOR IS BORN

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WELCOME



Our worship this evening is an adaptation of the Lessons and Carols service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four

had just been appointed Dean of King's College after experience as an army chaplain. The lessons for tonight have been used for almost 100 years to recall God's promise to send a Savior, as well as that promise's fulfillment. The carols that are historically used in this service are carefully chosen because of their relationship to the lesson they follow.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #50



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.

EXHORTATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #63, VERSES 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -
 an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed
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Glo - ri - a
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THE OFFERING

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because

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CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
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 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
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 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

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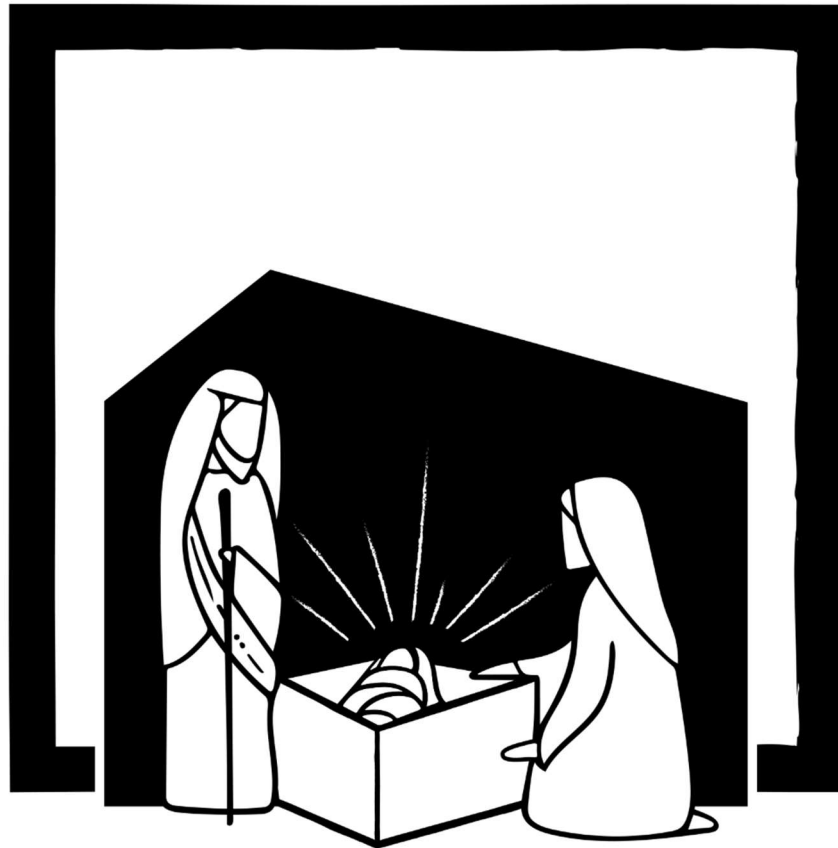
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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

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3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
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3 But our eyes at last shall see him
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Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



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see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



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Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
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THE OFFERING

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because

you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
 He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
 establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
 from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty
 will accomplish this.

CAROL

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to



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give us sec - ond birth.



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THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

The prophet speaks about the place where the Messiah will be born

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE FOURTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

CAROL

OH, COME' OH, COME' EMMANUEL
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

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²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting

this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

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³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

CAROL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #24, VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 “I come from heav’n to tell the Lord’s de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; “To

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LUKE 2:1-20

The birth of the Savior

^{2:1} In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

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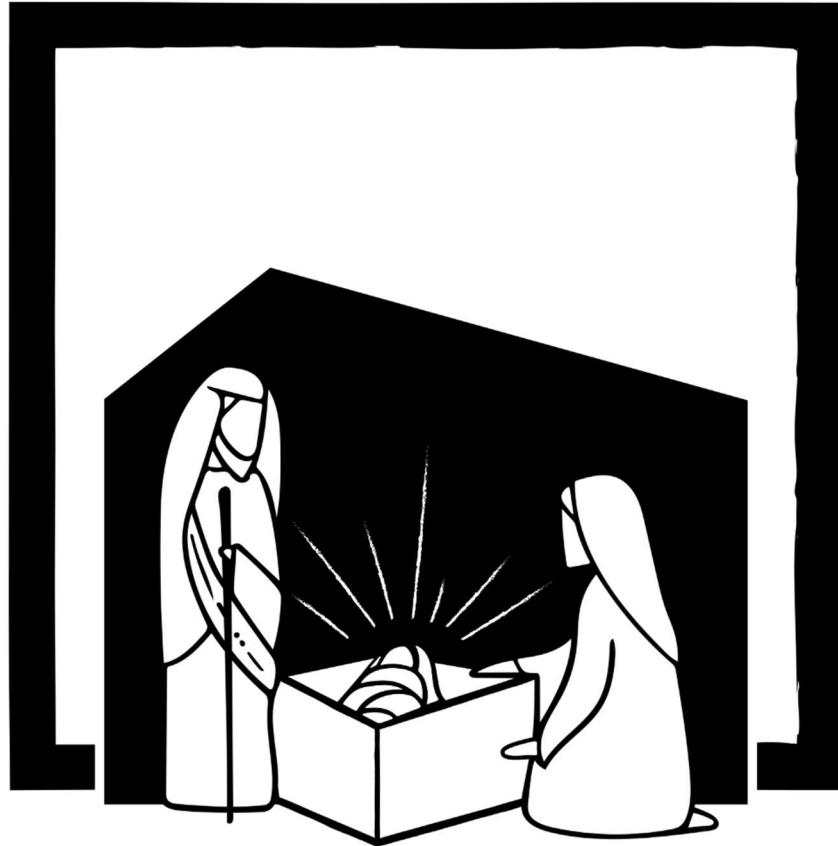
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CAROL

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 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

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The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
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2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
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glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
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And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

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Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
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 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

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LUKE 1:26-38

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THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-20

The birth of the Savior

^{2:1} In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and

pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

SERMON

LUKE 2:1-20

“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

^{1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

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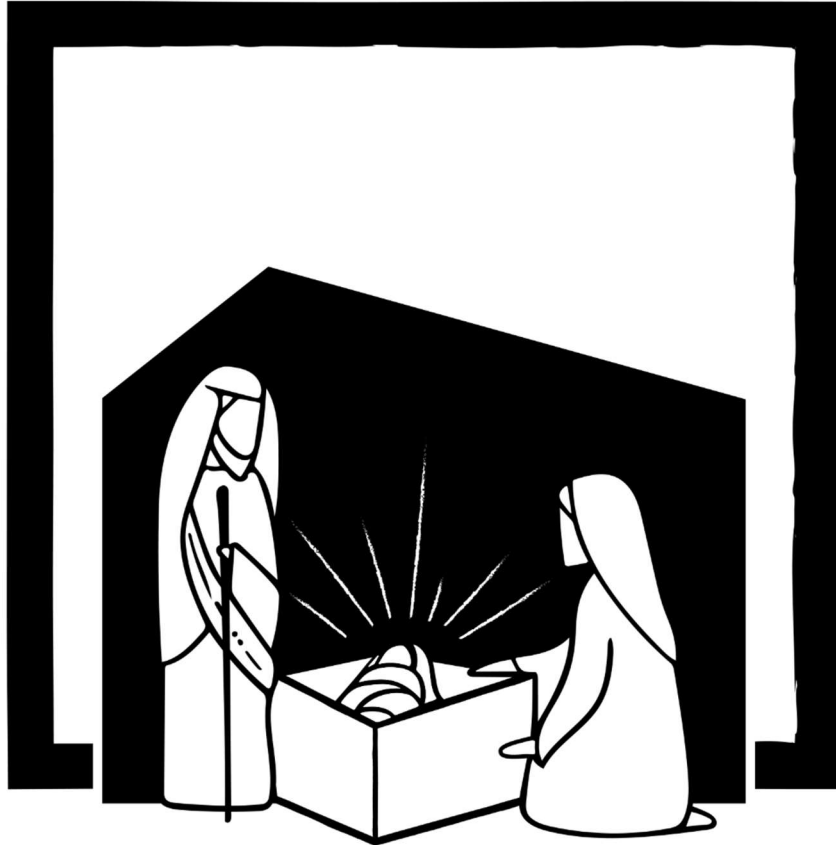
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
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born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US TOMORROW FOR
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CHRISTMAS EVE 2022



A SAVIOR IS BORN

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WELCOME



Our worship this evening is an adaptation of the Lessons and Carols service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four

had just been appointed Dean of King's College after experience as an army chaplain. The lessons for tonight have been used for almost 100 years to recall God's promise to send a Savior, as well as that promise's fulfillment. The carols that are historically used in this service are carefully chosen because of their relationship to the lesson they follow.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #50



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.

EXHORTATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #63, VERSES 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed
ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
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 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
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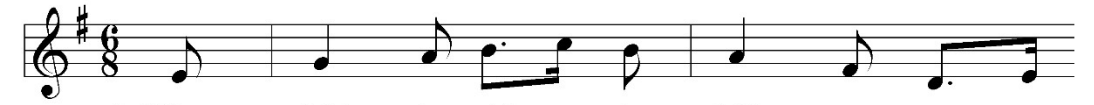
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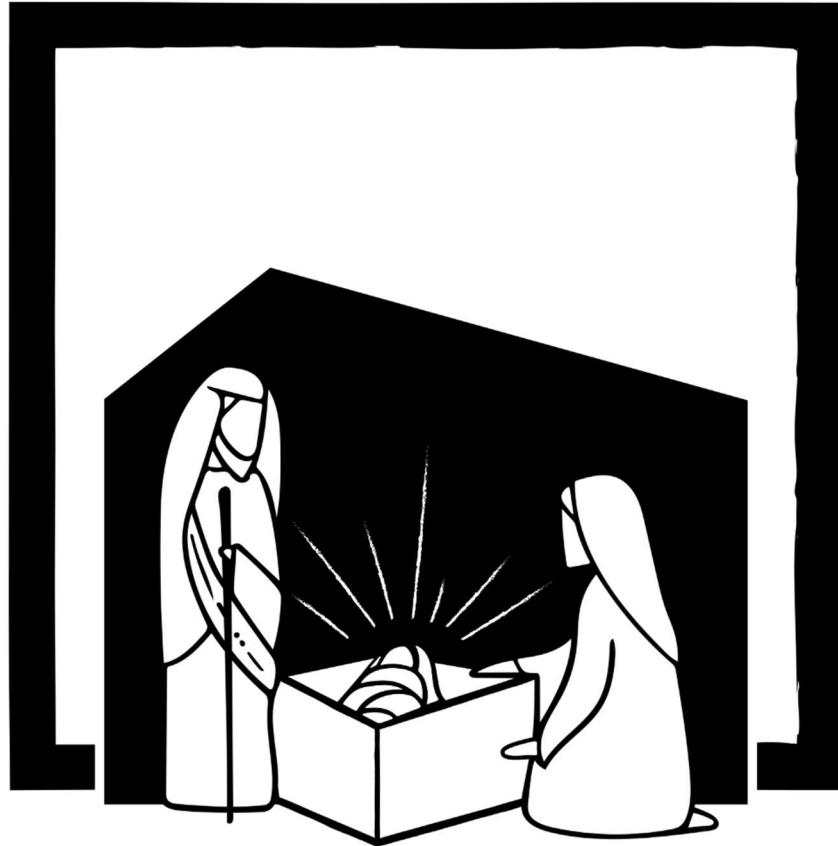
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3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
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3 But our eyes at last shall see him
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Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.

EXHORTATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #63, VERSES 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed
ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
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.

THE OFFERING

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because

you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
tru - ly kept his word And at last to
proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

CAROL

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to



born in Beth - le - hem!"
our Im - man - u - el! Hark! The her - ald
give us sec - ond birth.



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THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

The prophet speaks about the place where the Messiah will be born

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE FOURTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

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²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

CAROL

OH, COME' OH, COME' EMMANUEL
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

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³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

CAROL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #24, VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
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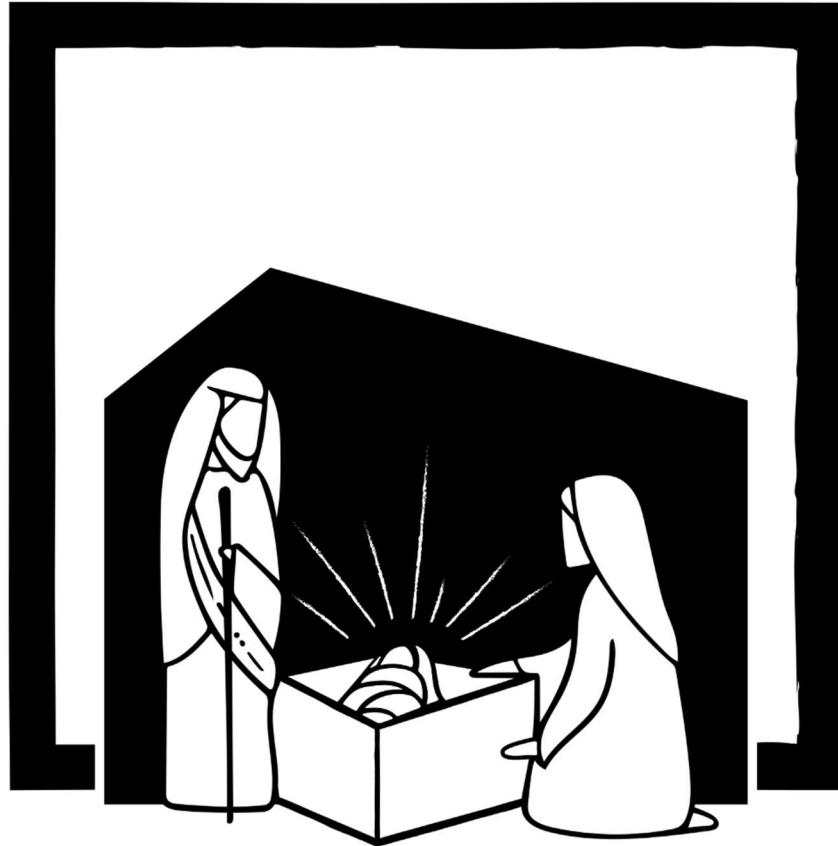
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new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
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will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

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Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
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CAROL

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1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
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LUKE 1:26-38

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³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

CAROL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #24, VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 “I come from heav’n to tell the Lord’s de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; “To

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; “All
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THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-20

The birth of the Savior

^{2:1} In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and

pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

SERMON

LUKE 2:1-20

“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
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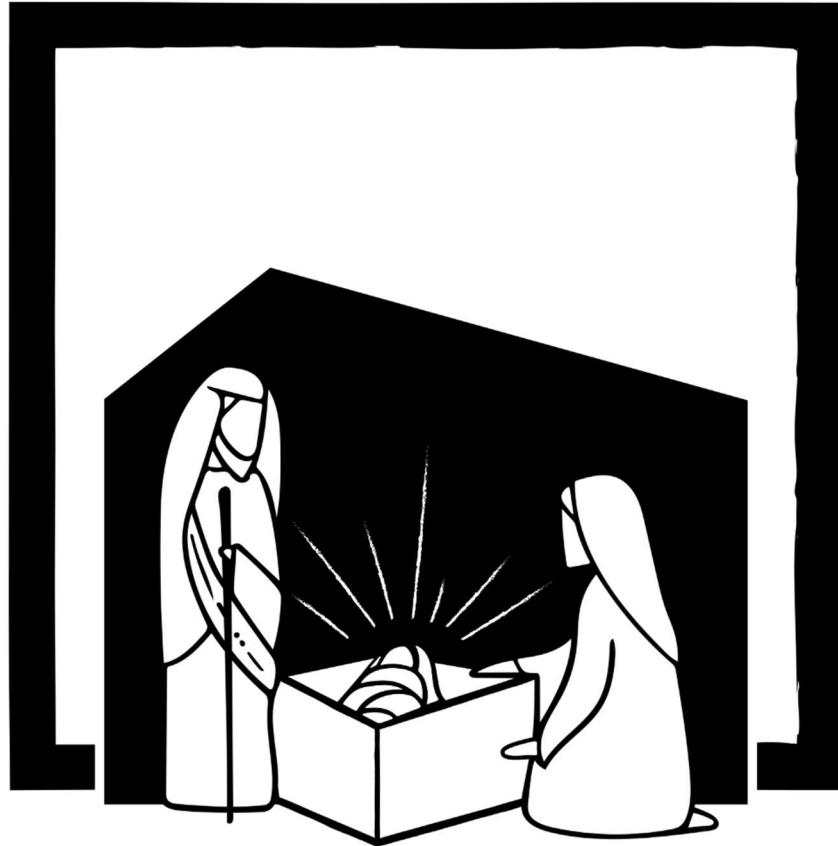
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
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born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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Our worship this evening is an adaptation of the Lessons and Carols service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #50



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
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heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
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 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

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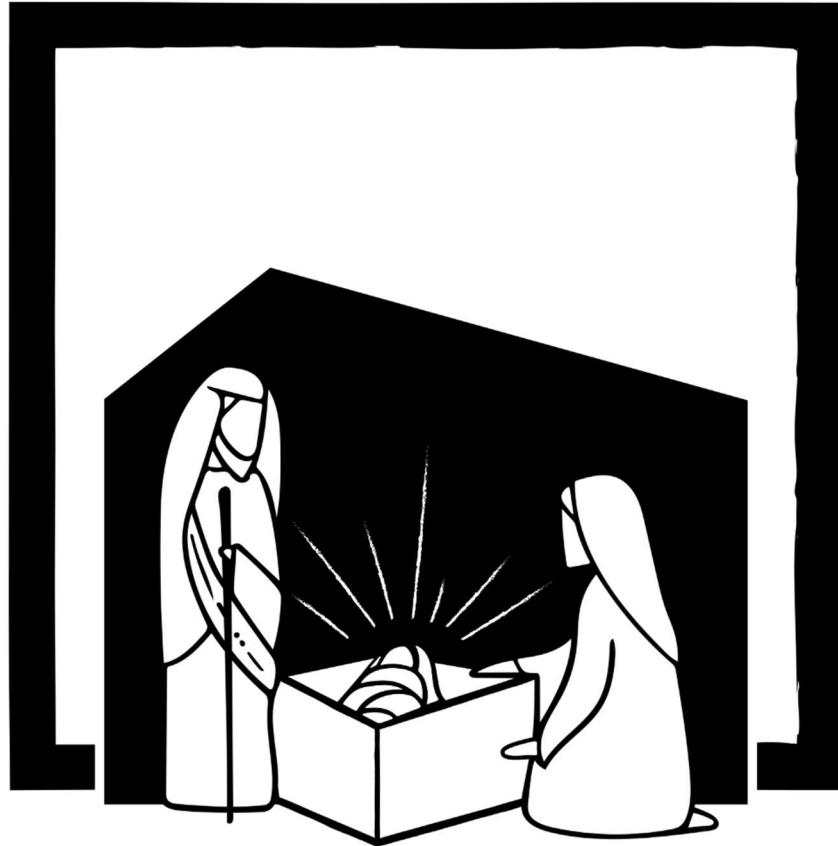
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SILENT NIGHT
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1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
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3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #50



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.

EXHORTATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #63, VERSES 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -
 an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed
 ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
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Refrain

Glo - ri - a
 in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo -
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THE OFFERING

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because

you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
 He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
 establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
 from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty
 will accomplish this.

CAROL

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to



born in Beth - le - hem!"
our Im - man - u - el! Hark! The her - ald
give us sec - ond birth.



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THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

The prophet speaks about the place where the Messiah will be born

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
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CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
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ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE FOURTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

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CAROL

OH, COME' OH, COME' EMMANUEL
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
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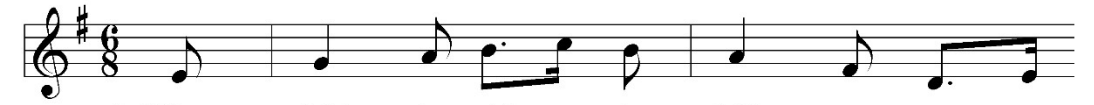
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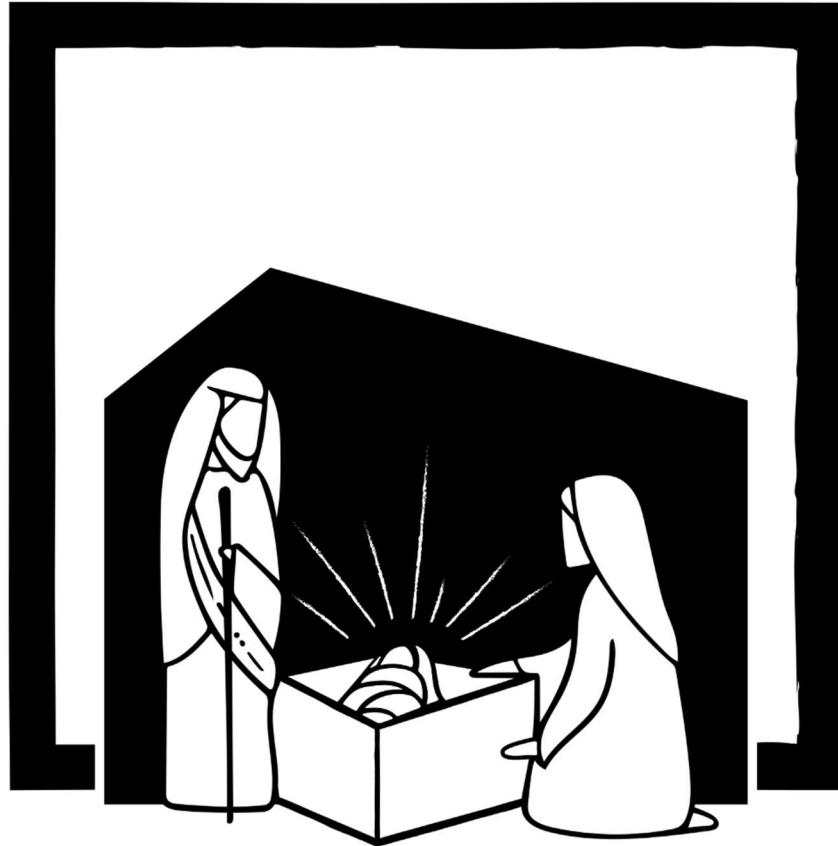
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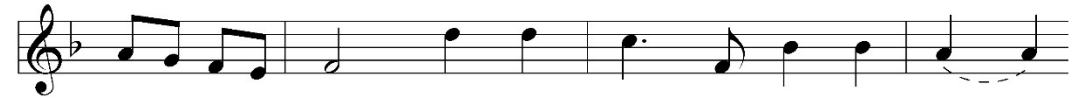
1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en
 3 But our eyes at last shall see him
 4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
 Who is God and Lord of all, And his
 Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
 With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
 shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
 child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
 see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
 was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
 heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
 hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 To the place where he is gone.
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All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

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you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
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new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to



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³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE FOURTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

CAROL

OH, COME' OH, COME' EMMANUEL
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph.

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting

this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

CAROL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #24, VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 “I come from heav’n to tell the Lord’s de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; “To

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; “All
 bless - ed vir - gin moth - er you shall be. Your
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hail,” said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, “Most
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THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-20

The birth of the Savior

^{2:1} In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and

pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

SERMON

LUKE 2:1-20

“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

^{1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
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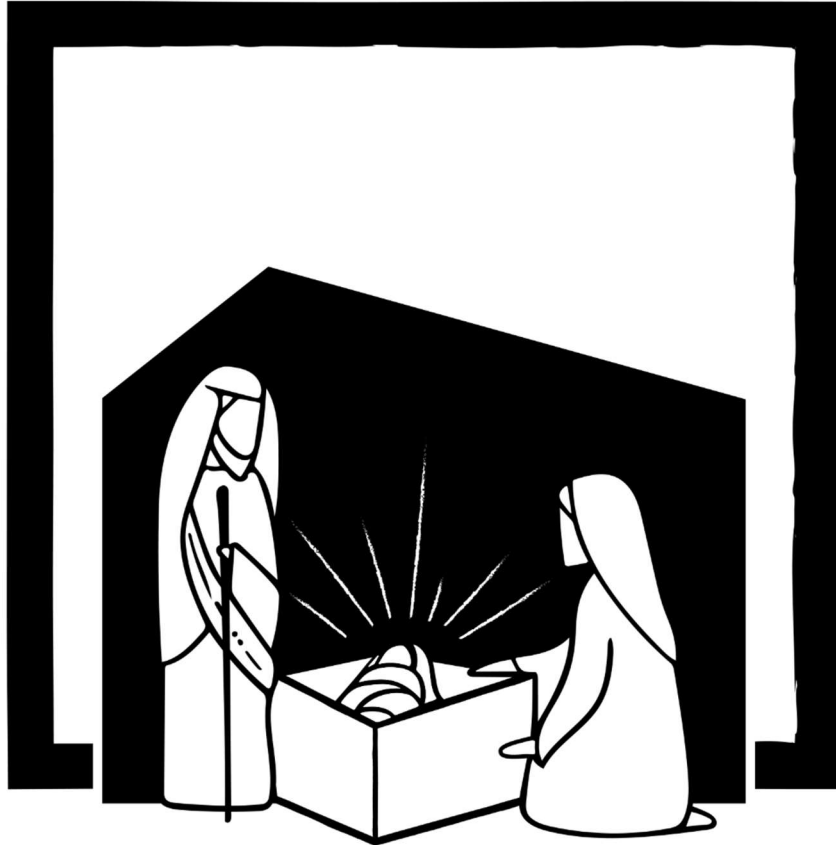
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
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born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
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CAROL

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 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

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 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
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 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
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THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

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CAROL

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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

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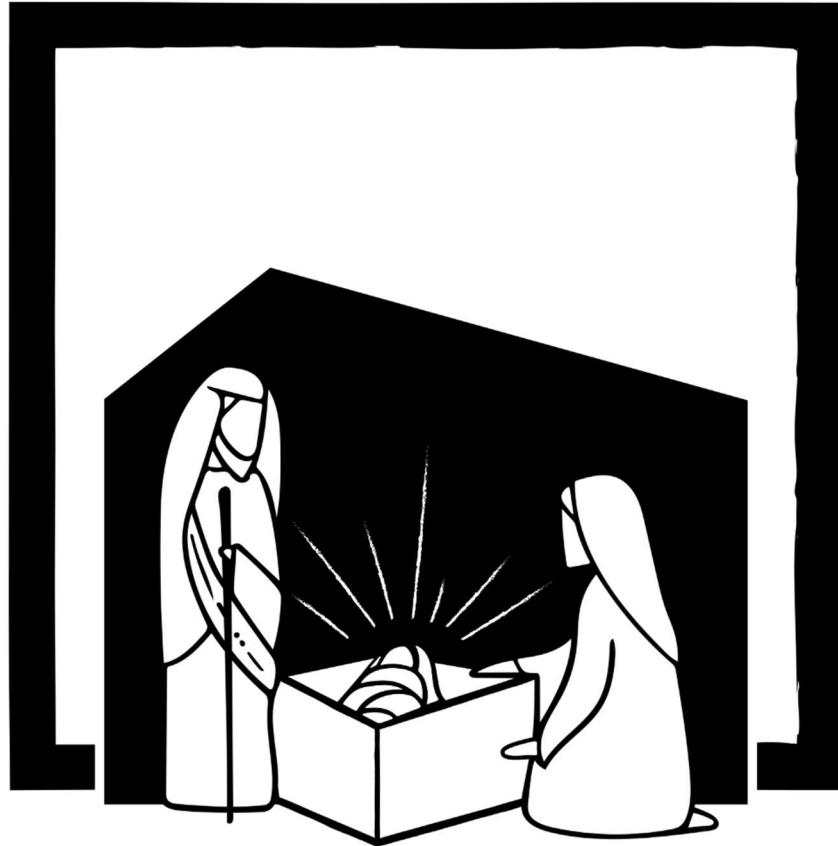
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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CHRISTMAS EVE 2022



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Our worship this evening is an adaptation of the Lessons and Carols service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #50



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.

EXHORTATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #63, VERSES 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -
 an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed
 ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a
 in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo -
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THE OFFERING

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because

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CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
 He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
 establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
 from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty
 will accomplish this.

CAROL

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to



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our Im - man - u - el! Hark! The her - ald
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THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

The prophet speaks about the place where the Messiah will be born

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
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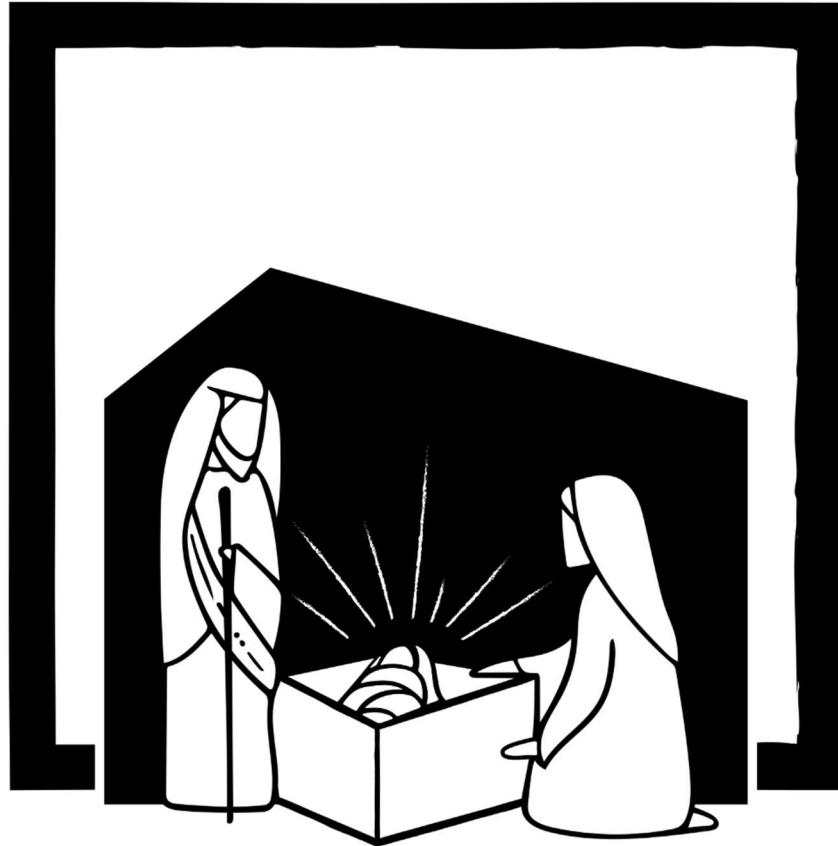
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SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

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calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
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moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
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2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



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CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
tru - ly kept his word And at last to
proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

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2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
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³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
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and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE FOURTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

CAROL

OH, COME' OH, COME' EMMANUEL
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

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²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting

this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

CAROL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #24, VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 “I come from heav’n to tell the Lord’s de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; “To
 wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; “All
 bless - ed vir - gin moth - er you shall be. Your
 me be as it pleas - es God,” she said. “My
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THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-20

The birth of the Savior

^{2:1} In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and

pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

SERMON

LUKE 2:1-20

“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

^{1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

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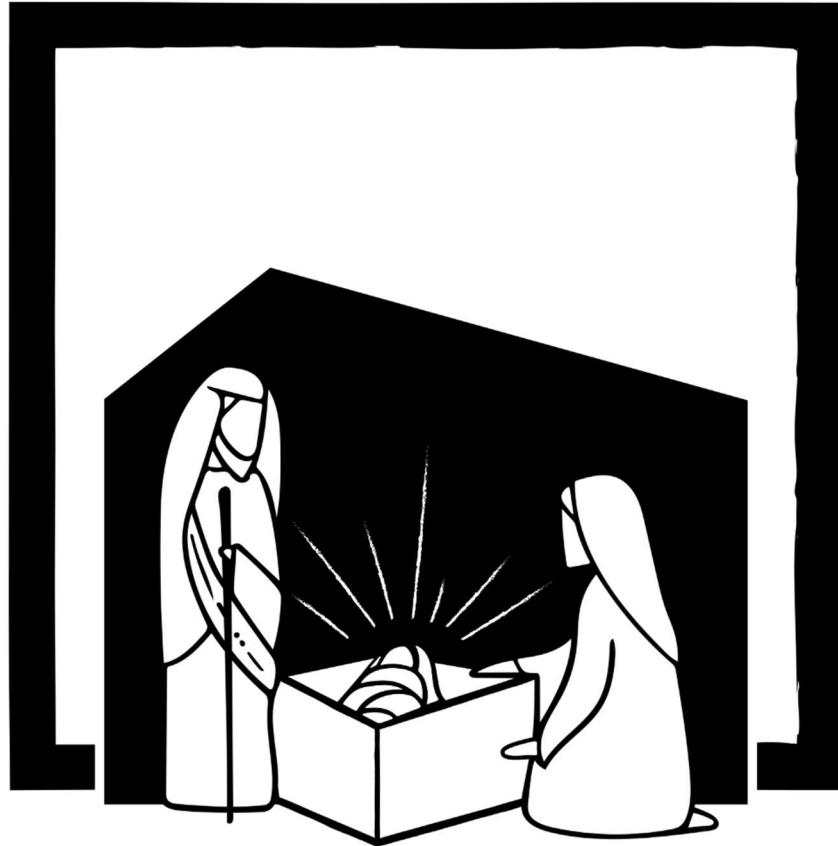
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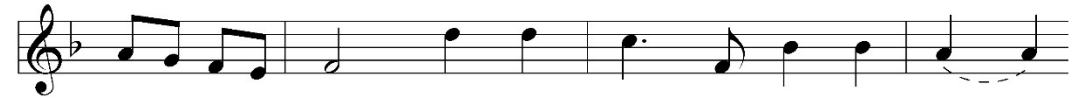
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CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



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Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

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Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
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 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

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CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
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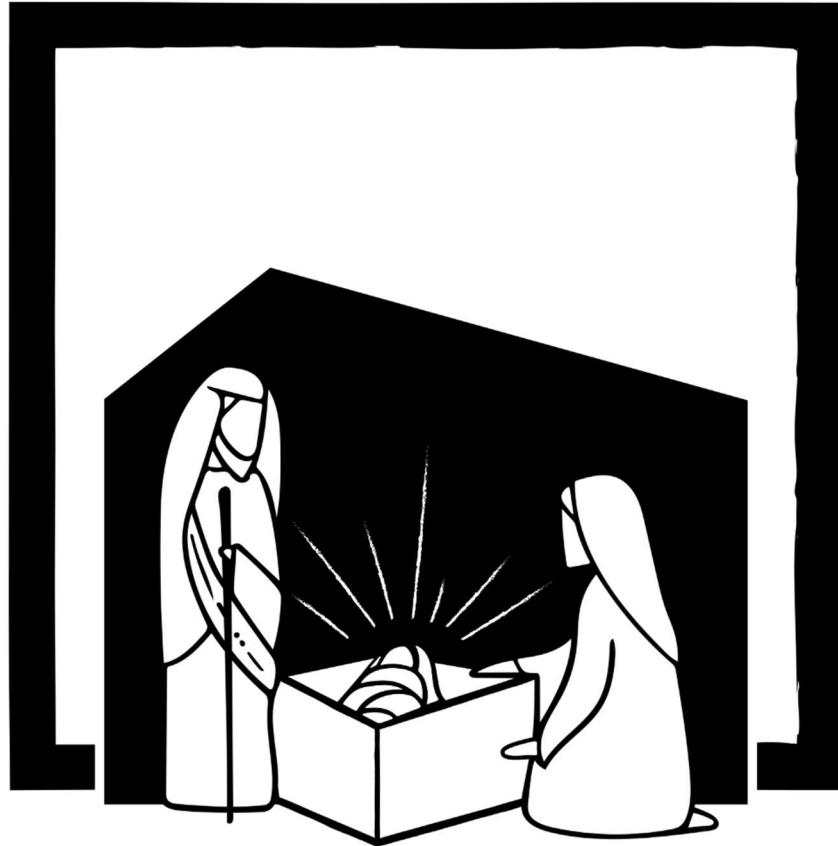
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
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WELCOME



Our worship this evening is an adaptation of the Lessons and Carols service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #50



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.

EXHORTATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #63, VERSES 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -
 an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed
 ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
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Refrain

Glo - ri - a
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THE OFFERING

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because

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CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
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 He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
 establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
 from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty
 will accomplish this.

CAROL

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
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THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

The prophet speaks about the place where the Messiah will be born

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
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out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
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³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
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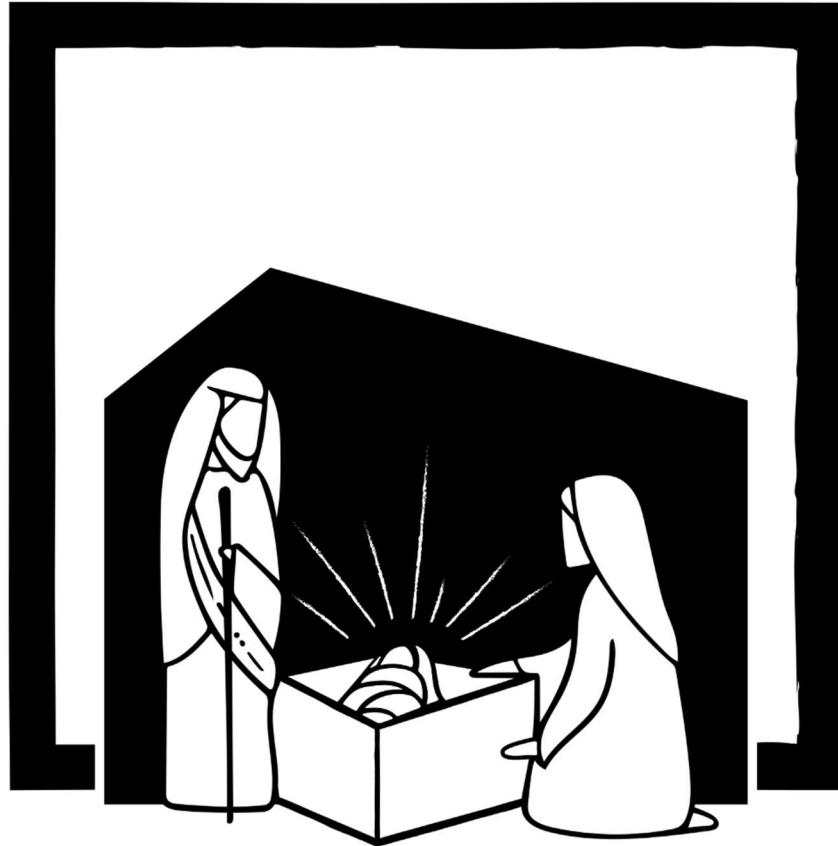
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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
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3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
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2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



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CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
 tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



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2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of



new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to



born in Beth - le - hem!"
our Im - man - u - el! Hark! The her - ald
give us sec - ond birth.



an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

THE THIRD LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

The prophet speaks about the place where the Messiah will be born

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THE FOURTH LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Miracle of the Savior's birth is announced to Joseph

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

CAROL

OH, COME' OH, COME' EMMANUEL
 CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #23, VERSES 1-3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

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²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting

this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

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³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

CAROL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #24, VERSES 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 “I come from heav’n to tell the Lord’s de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; “To
 wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; “All
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LUKE 2:1-20

The birth of the Savior

^{2:1} In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

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⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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SERMON

LUKE 2:1-20

“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
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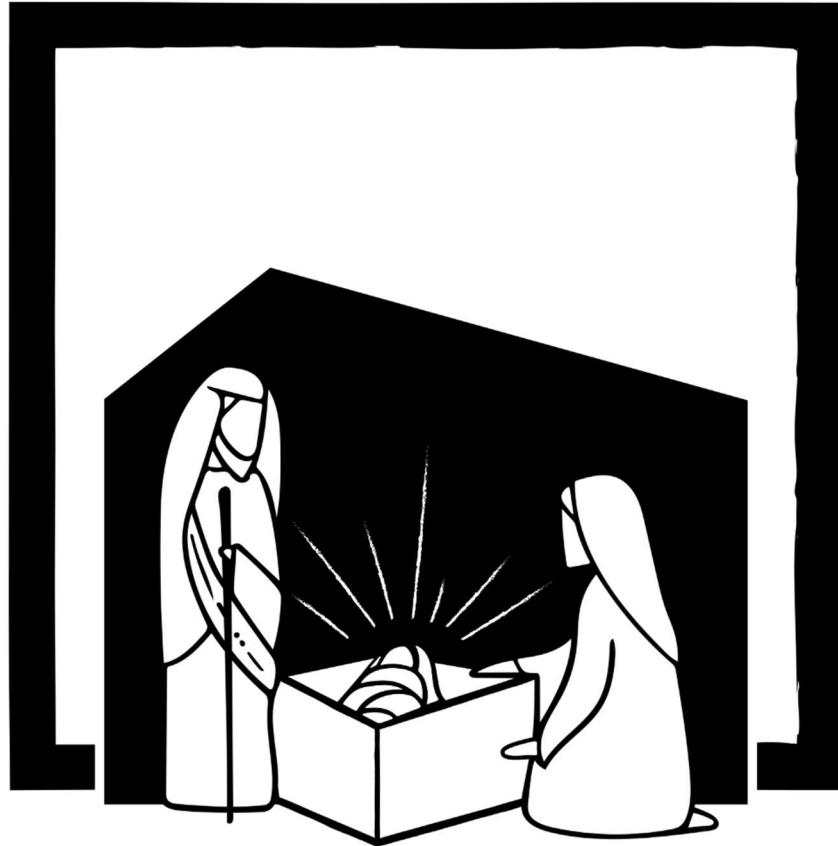
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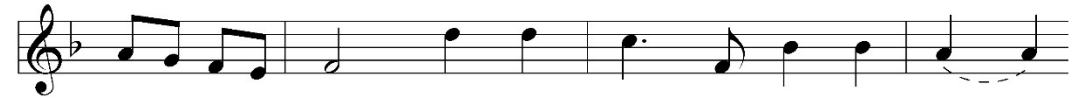
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new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



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Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
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will reach to the ends of the earth.

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #65, VERSES 1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

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 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
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Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

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SERMON

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“A SAVIOR BORN TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

^{1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
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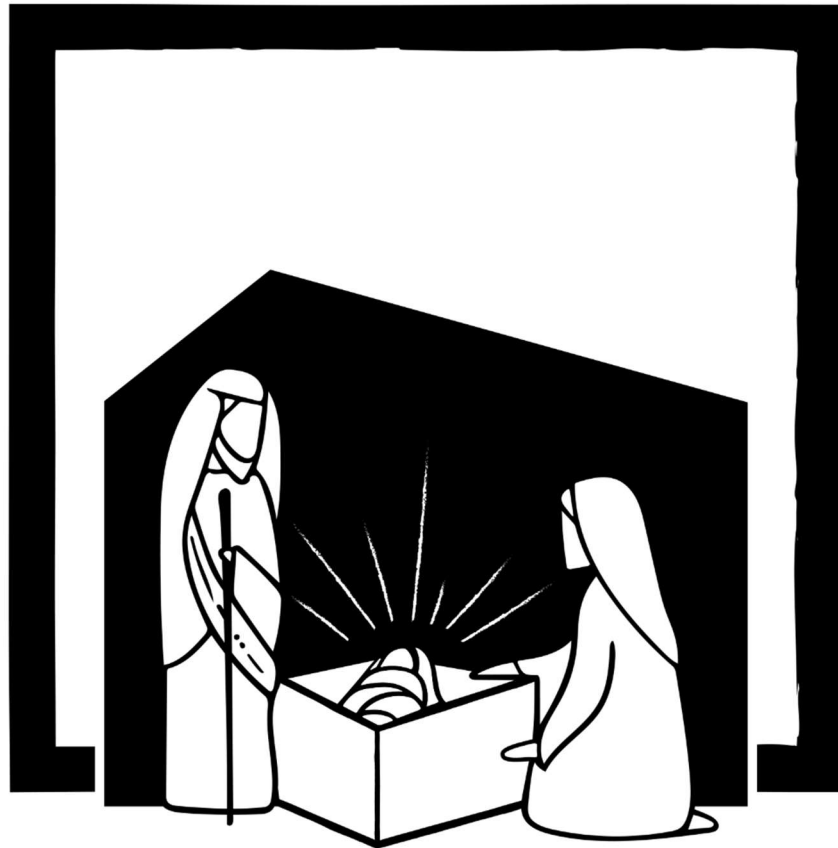
THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
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WELCOME



Our worship this evening is an adaptation of the Lessons and Carols service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #50



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble



Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we



moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right



for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.

EXHORTATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. We join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #63, VERSES 1 & 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed
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Glo - ri - a
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THE OFFERING

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15

The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because

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CAROL

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #28, VERSES 1,2,5

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
2 What the fathers most de - sired, What the
5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set
tru - ly kept his word And at last to
proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
free from doubt and dread, I may cling to
us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death.

THE SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2,6,7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
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CAROL

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #61



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CAROL

JOY HAS DAWNED

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (2021) HYMN #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense— God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, — vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-5, 14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

^{1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #67, VERSE 1



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,



On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?



Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet



While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King, Whom



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

PRAYER

P: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh. On this holy night, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers. You sent Jesus as the Light of the world to drive out all darkness that would rob us of the full life that you intend for us. May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace. May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure. For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.



THE CLOSING CAROL

SILENT NIGHT
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #60

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of
calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin
quake at the sight. Glo - ries stream from
God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,
thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -
ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US TOMORROW FOR
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**