



*Christmas Day*

*Christ Our Redeemer*

*And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7*



## *"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*



Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;



Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes,  
Sing, all ye citi - zens of heav'n a - bove.



Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels.  
On - ly be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther.  
Glo - ry to God, All glo - ry in the high - est.



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come, let us a - dore him,



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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*Please stand to sing the final stanza.*

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

## *Invocation*

P (Pastor): We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): **Amen.**

P: A Savior has been born to you;

C: **He is Christ the Lord!**

## *Psalm 98*

P: Sing to the LORD a new song,

C: **For he has done marvelous things.**

P: The LORD has made his salvation known

C: **And revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

P: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

C: **Burst into jubilant song with music;**

P: Make music to the LORD with the harp,

C: **With the harp and the sound of singing.**

P: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

C: **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

P: Sing to the LORD a new song,

C: **For he has done marvelous things.**

*Sing:*

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**Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;**

**He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;**

**Now so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.**

**Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!**

**Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?**

**Where the angels singing With all his saints unite,**

**Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.**

**Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!**

*Be seated*

# *The First Sin and First Promise*

## Genesis 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

<sup>4</sup>“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup>He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

<sup>11</sup>And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you put here with me —she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”  
The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.”

# *"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

CW 38:7, 8, 15 Text. Tune, Setting: Public Domain

The musical score consists of four staves of music in treble clef. The first staff is in 4/4 time, and the subsequent three staves are in 7/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven. And see what in the man - ger lies. Through whom the sin - ful world is blest! Who un - to us his Son has given! Who is this child, so young and fair? You came to share my mis - er - y While an - gels sing with pi - ous mirth It is the Christ - child ly - ing there. That you might new year share your joy with me. A glad new year to all the earth."

## *Christ, a Prophet from the Stem of Jesse*

Deuteronomy 18:15; Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>15</sup>The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

# *“Sing Joy”*

**Musical Selection**

**Tom Seidl**

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Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing.

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given, And His name shall be called:  
Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns. Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy.



## *Christ, Born of a Virgin in Bethlehem*

Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:1-4

<sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

<sup>1</sup>Marshal your troops now, city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. <sup>2</sup>“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.” <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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.

## *"Once in Royal David's City"*

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Once in roy - al Dav - id's cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the ox - en stand - ing by



Where a moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger for his bed;  
Shall we see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high.



Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
Then like stars his chil - dren crowned. All in white, his praise will sound.



## *John the Baptist, the Savior's Forerunner*

Matthew 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."<sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup>John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.



# *"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"*

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Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the  
See how God, for us pro - vid - ing, Gave his  
Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing his  
Son and life a - bid - ing; He our wea - ry  
love our race be - friend - ing, In our need his



love a - maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.  
steps is guid - ing From earth's woe to heav'n - ly joy.  
help ex - tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.

## *The Annunciation to Mary*

Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." <sup>34</sup>"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail." <sup>38</sup>"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.



## *"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"*

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The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His  
 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; "To  
 wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All  
 me be as it pleas - es God," she said. "My  
 hail," said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, -y,  
 soul shall praise and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name."  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored maid - en, Glo - ri - a!

# *The Birth of Jesus Christ*

Luke 2:1-7

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

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

<sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>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.



## *“O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is”*

### **Musical Selection**

**Keri Friesenegger**

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O Jesus Christ, Your manger is My paradise where my soul is reclining.  
For there, O Lord, We find the Word Made flesh for us your grace is brightly shining.

Dear Christian friend On him depend; Be of good cheer and let no sorrow move you.  
For God’s own child In mercy mild Joins you to him – how greatly God must love you!

The world may hold Her wealth and gold; But you, my heart, keep Christ as your true treasure.  
To him hold fast Until at last A crown is yours and honor in full measure.

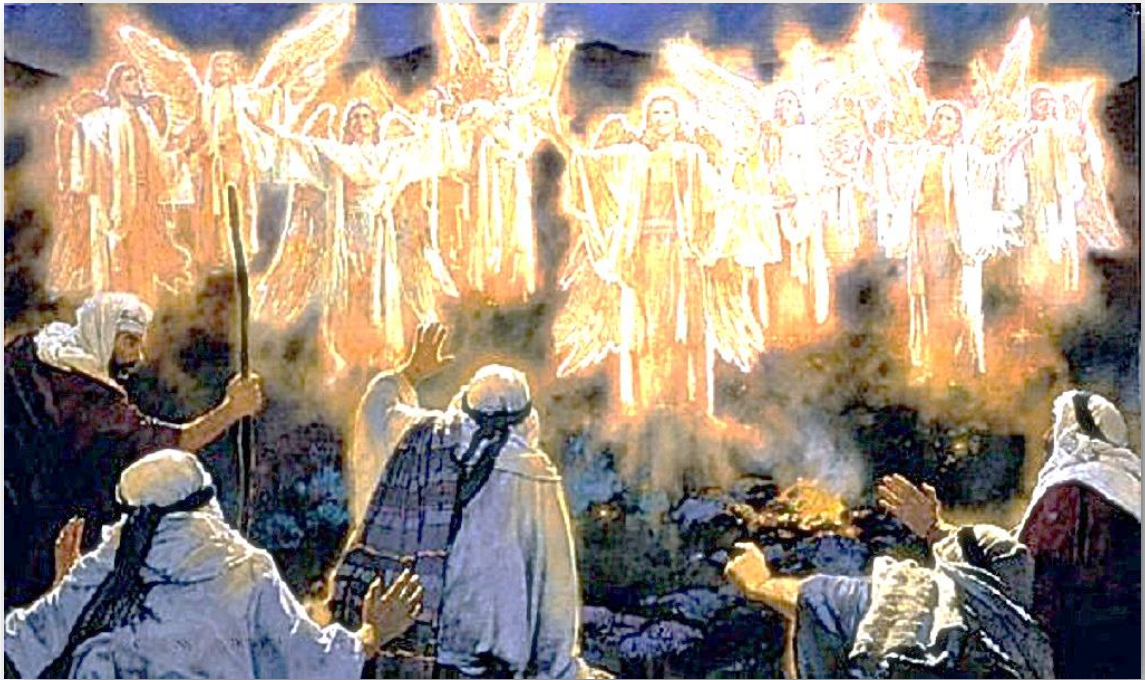
## *The Angel Appears to the Shepherds*

Luke 2:8-14

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

<sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”



# *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

CW 63:1 Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain

An - gels we have heard on high,  
Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
And the moun - tains in re - ply,  
Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
Glo - ri - a in ex - ce - lsis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a in ex - ce - lsis De - o!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final line of the score features a melisma on the word 'Glo', with a long horizontal line under the word and a slur over the following notes.

# *The Shepherds Hasten to Bethlehem*

Luke 2:15-20

<sup>15</sup>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."

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

<sup>17</sup>When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

*Sing:*

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**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the glad-some tidings be Which in-spire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*Stand*

### *Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

### *Closing Prayer and Blessing*

**P:** O God, with gladness we celebrate the yearly festival of the birth of your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we have been set free from the bondage of sin, death, and the devil. Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes again, not as a humble baby born in a stable, but as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

**C:** **Come quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen!**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

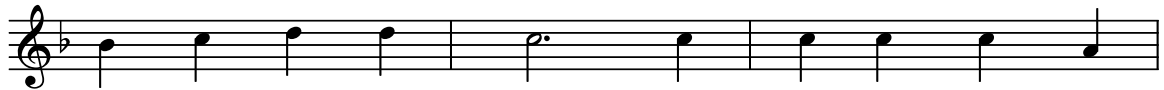


## *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

CW 41:1-2, 4, 6 Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain



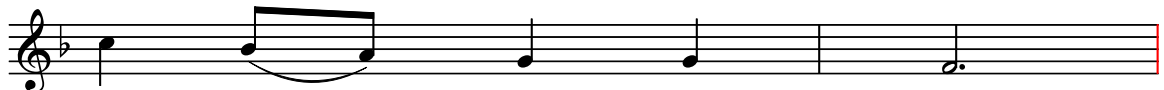
Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be -  
He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is  
A won - drous change which he does make: He  
For us he o - pens wide the door Of



- fore his high - est throne; To - day he o - pens  
born an in - fant small, And in a man - ger,  
takes our flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for  
par - a - dise to - day. The an - gel guards the



heav'n a - gain And gives us his own Son, And  
poor and lone, lies in a hum - ble stall, Lies  
sin - ners' sake His maj - es - ty as God, His  
gate no more; To God our thanks we pay, To



gives us his own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall.  
maj - es - ty as God.  
God our thanks we pay.

## *Upcoming Events*

Sunday	December 27	One worship service at 9a, no Bible Class or Sunday School
Thursday	December 31	7p New Year's Eve Service with Lord's Supper
Sunday	January 3	8a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30a Worship With Communion
Monday	January 4	School resumes from Christmas Break
Thursday	January 7	7p Worship resumes
Sunday	January 10	8 & 10:30a Worship, 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School

Christ Our Redeemer was organized in 1965 so that with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it might strengthen the faith of its members and reach out into the community and the world.

To carry out this purpose we believe and teach:

- That the Bible is the Word of God and the only foundation for Christian faith and life;
- That God revealed in the Bible as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is the true and living God;
- That all people have sinned against his holy will, fall short of his glory, and therefore deserve to be condemned eternally;
- That Jesus Christ came into the world to deliver all people from the guilt and power of sin and that he lived and died as the perfect and only substitute;
- That through faith created by the Holy Spirit, the benefits of Christ's works are received personally;
- That on the last day Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead and will take all those who trust in him to eternal life.

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