NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Ive

December 24, 2025 5pm & 7pm



PRELLIDE What Child is This

(arr. Mark Hayes)

Kevin Klemm



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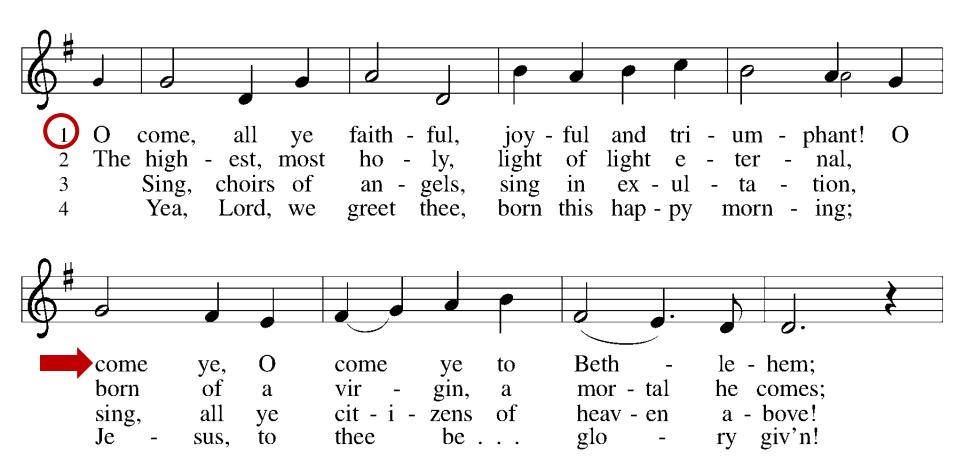
We're glad you're here!

OPENING HYMN

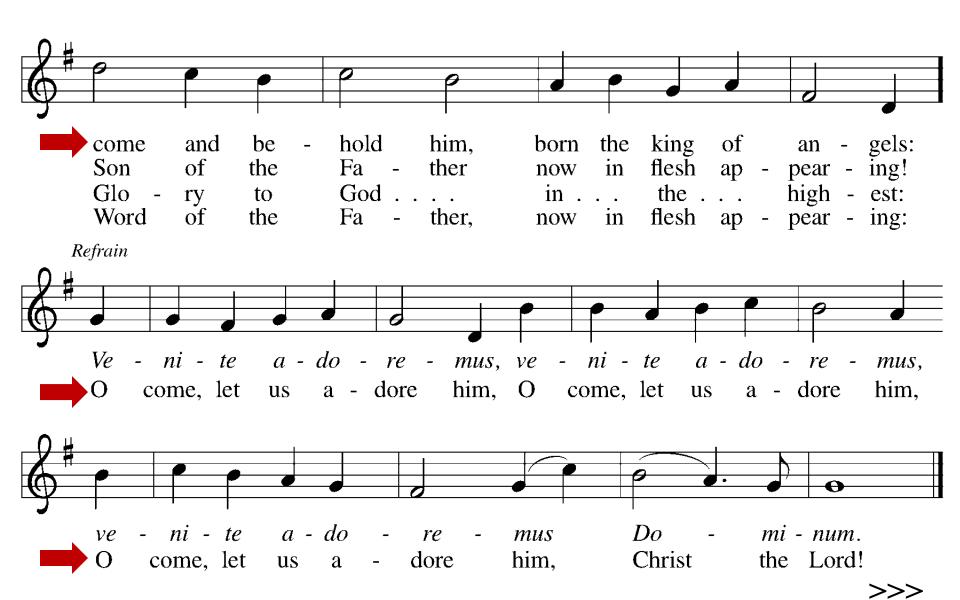
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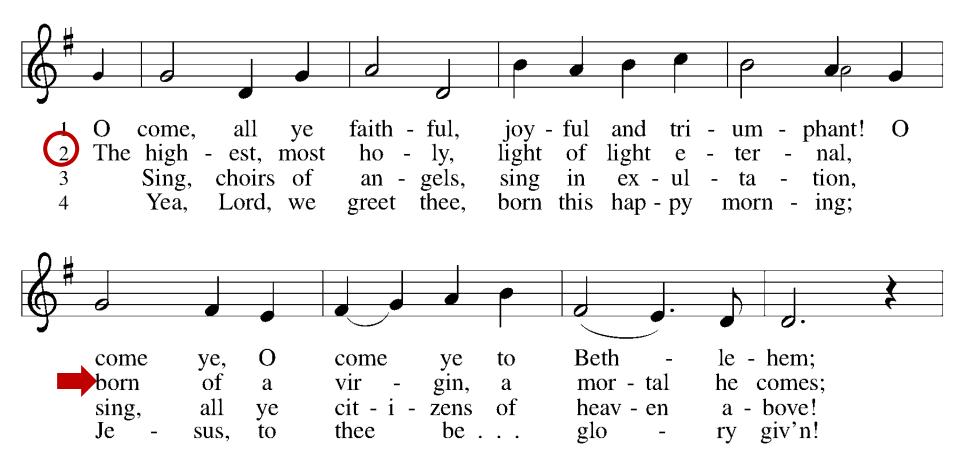
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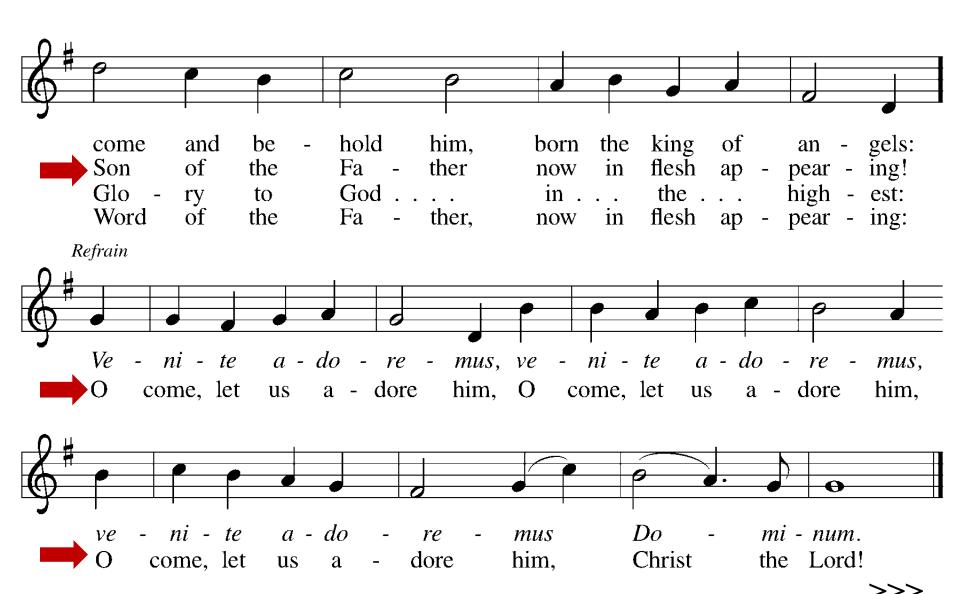
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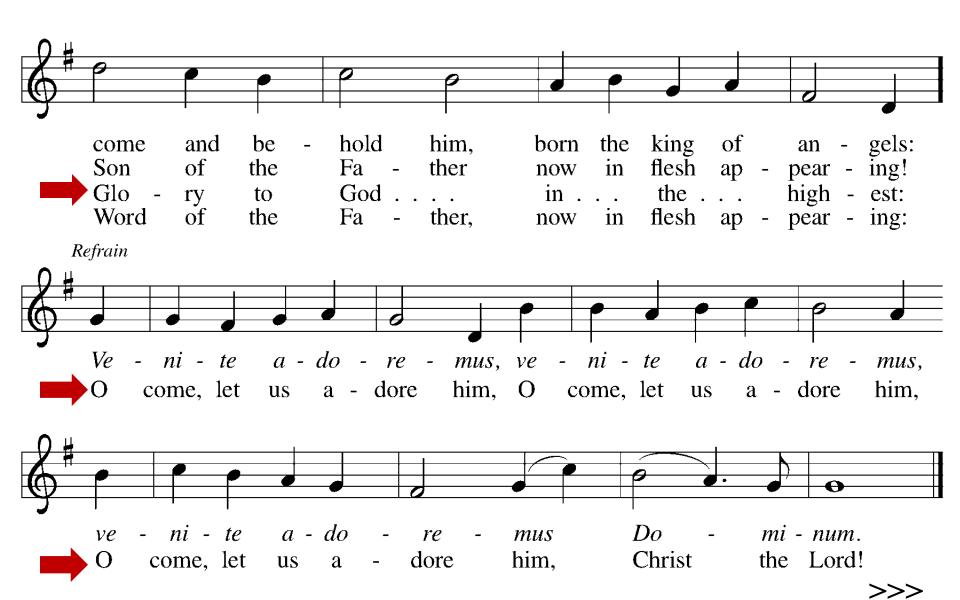
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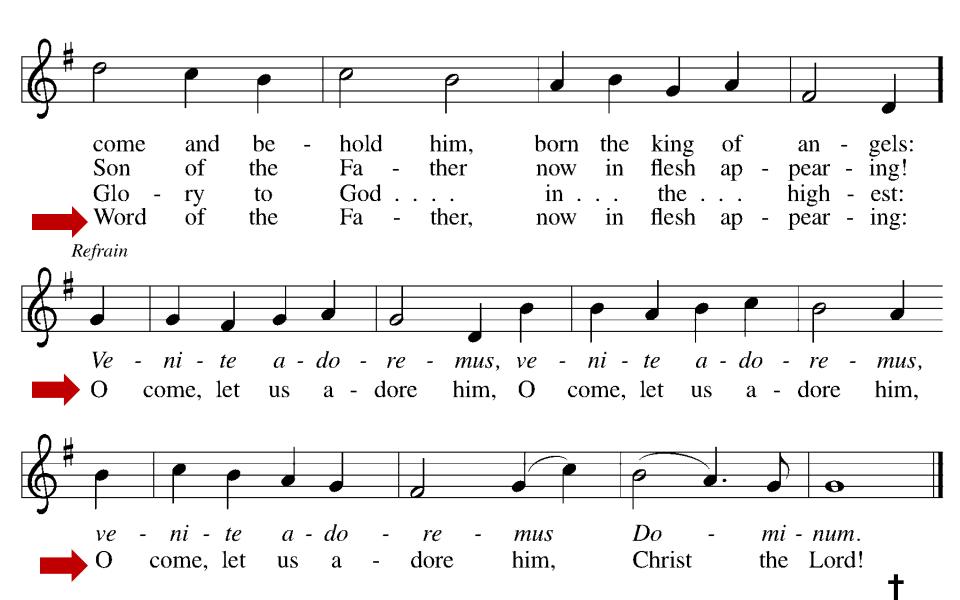
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Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.



P: Reconciling God,

we yearn for your presence to C: transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace.

We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones, our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you. + Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad.

C: Amen.

Greeting

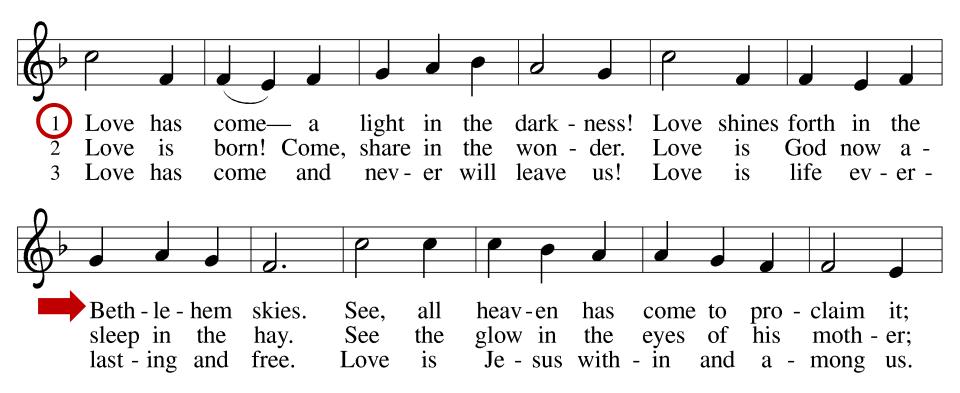
P: Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

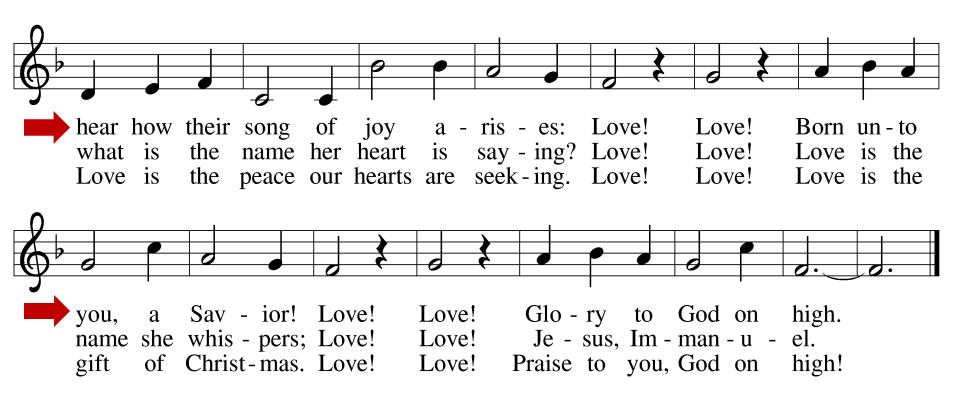
C: And also with you.

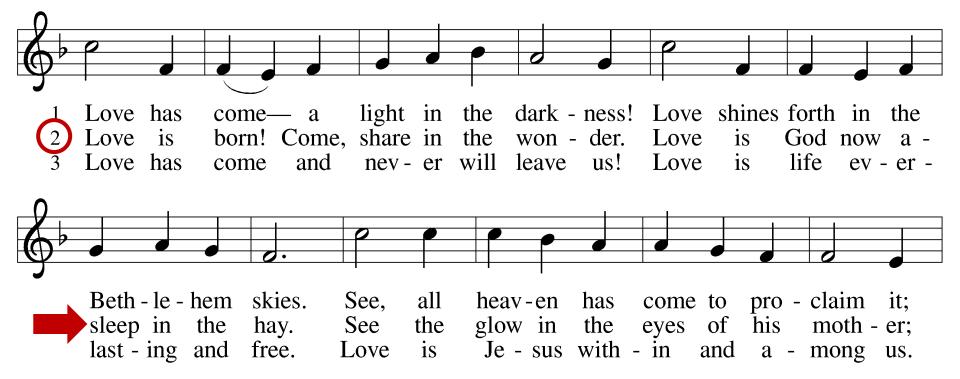
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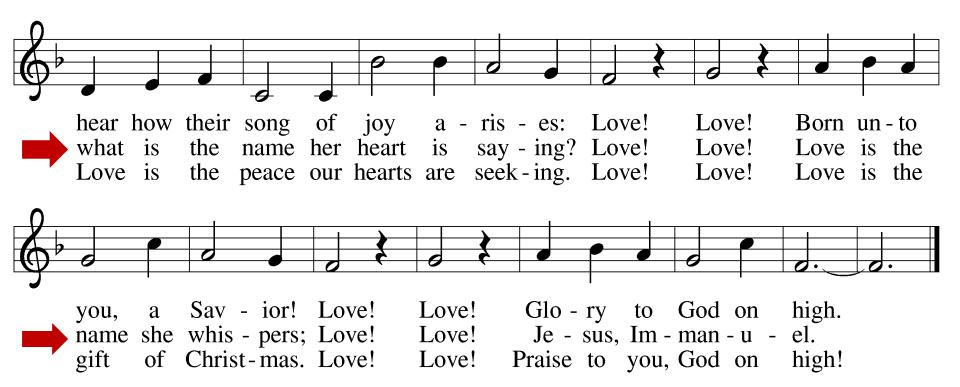


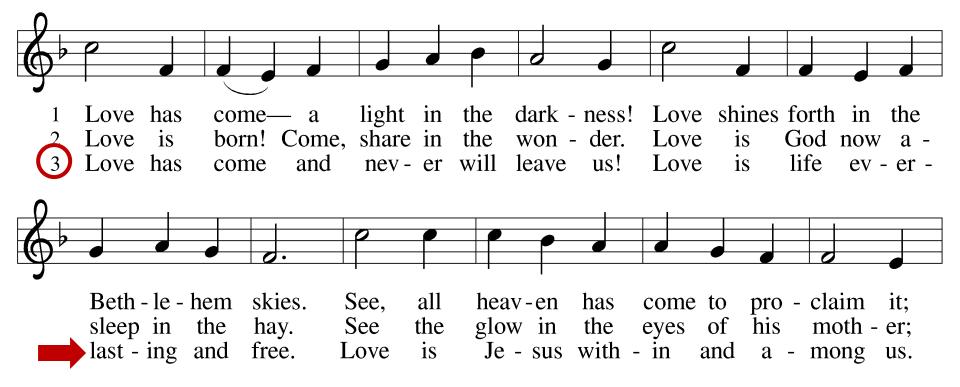
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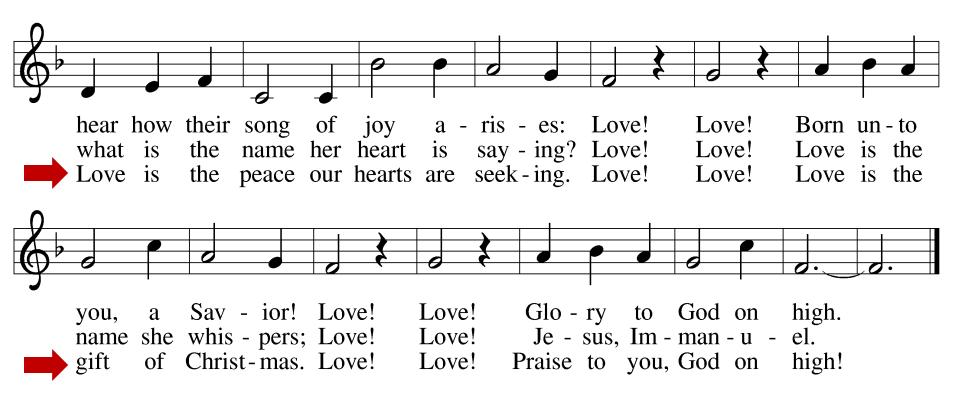














FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7



²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.





SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14



¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope and the

manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.



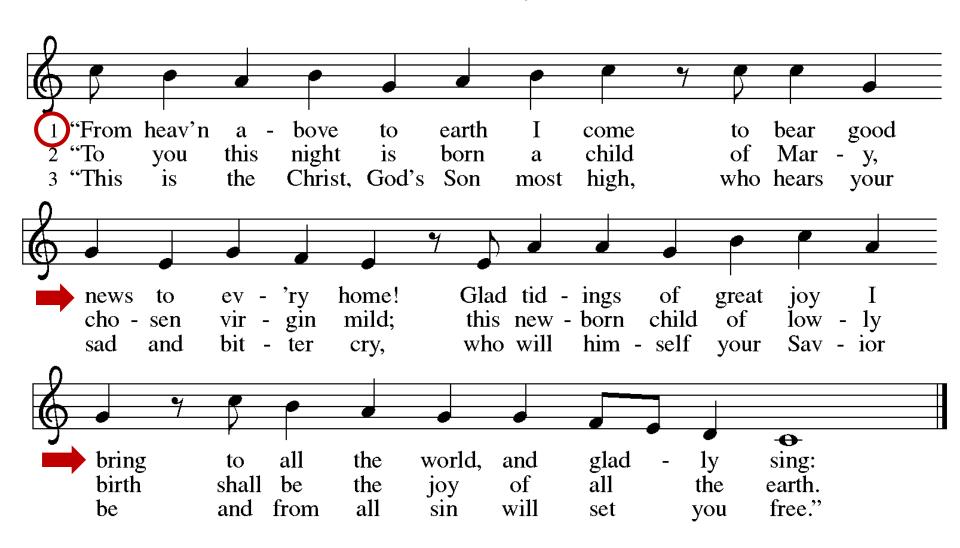
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Gospel Acclamation

ELW #268, vs. 1



GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:1-20



¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem,

because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION



SERMON

PASTOR BRAD DOTY
"HOLY MOMENTS"

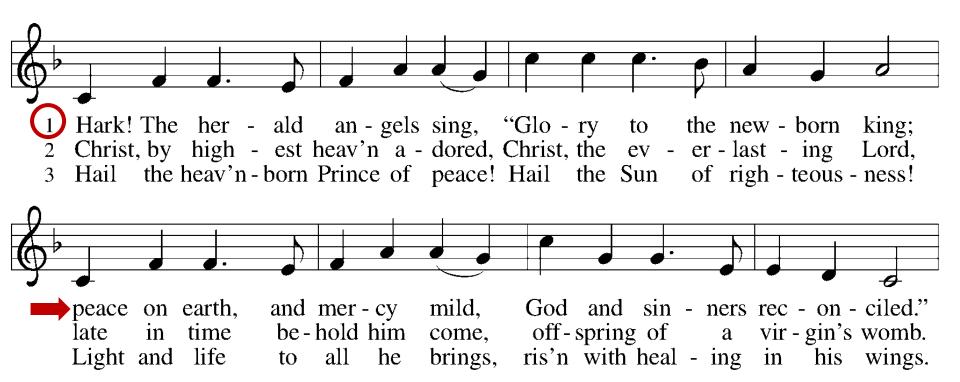


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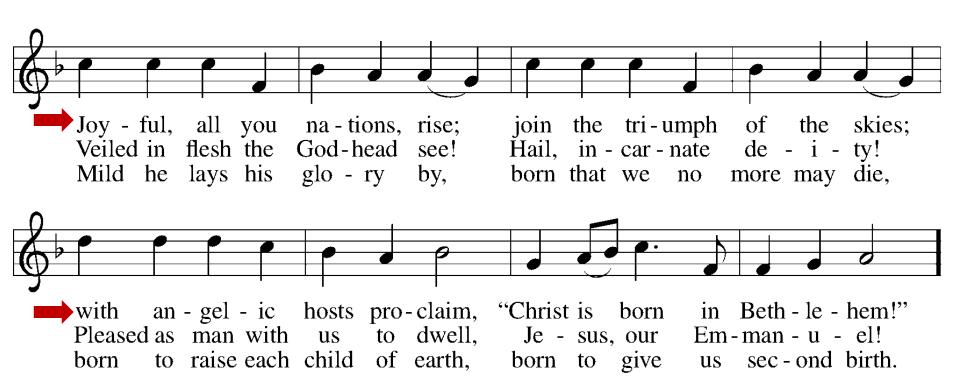
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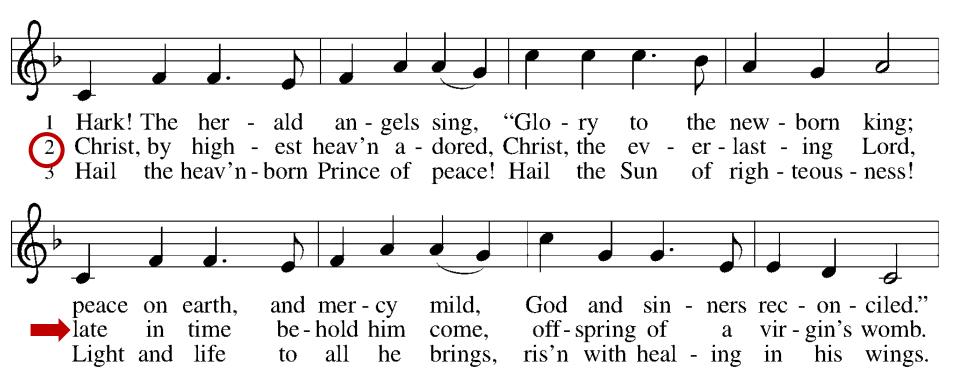
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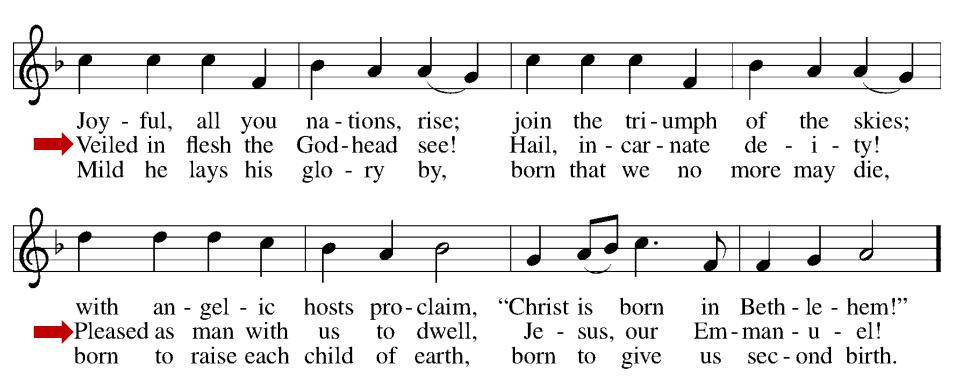
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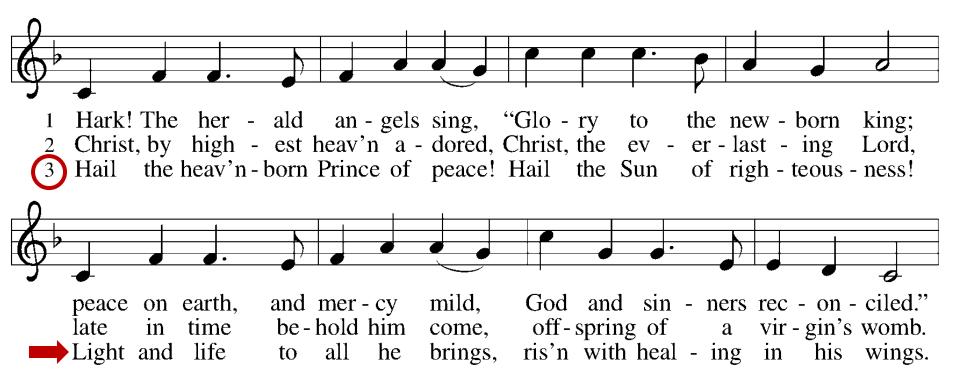
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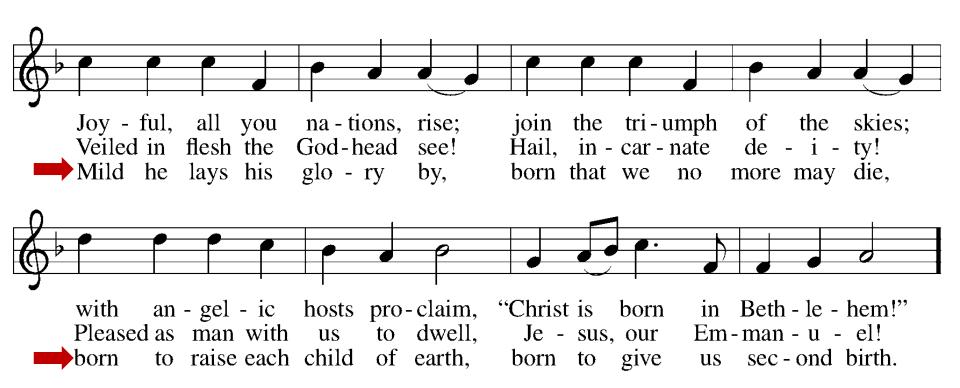
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Prayers of Intercession

A: Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

A: With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS



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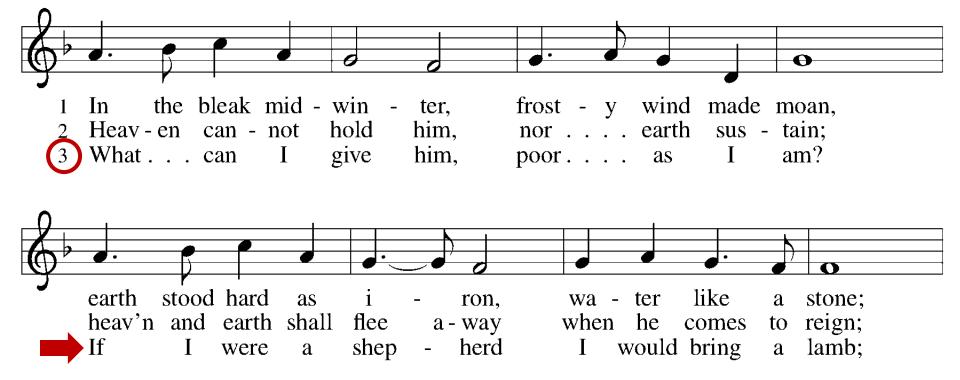
O Holy Night

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Sanctuary Choir

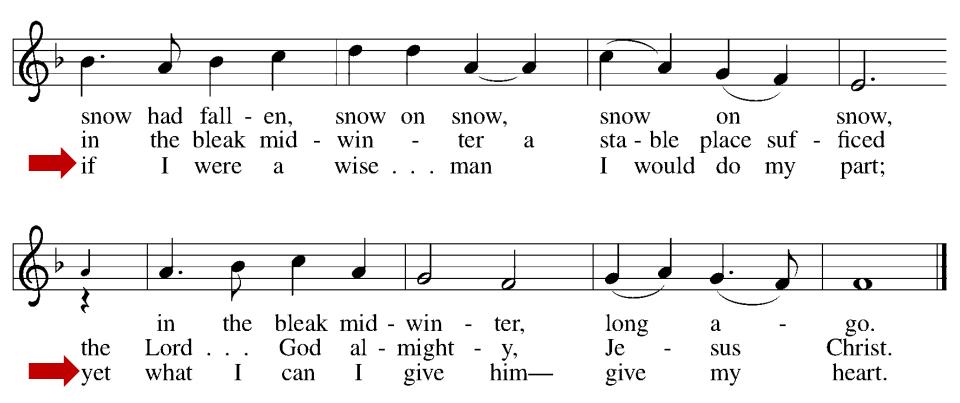
Offertory

ELW #294, vs. 3



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Offering Prayer

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

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE



Holy Holy

ELW #275, vs. 4



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



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





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

WORDS OF INSTIUTION



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Tonight communion will be served with bread and cup. Come down the center aisle and receive the bread; then take a cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

All are welcome, for it is the Lord's Table.

Lamb of God

ELW #271, vs. 1



Jeg er så glad hver ju - le-kveld, ti da blev Je - sus født;

- 1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je sus' birth! 2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!
- 3 He dwells a gain in heav en's realm, the Son of God to day;
- 4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais es then I sing;
- 5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je sus too;



lys - te stjer - nen som en sol, og eng - ler sang sødt. Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth. he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in For need. and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray. for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of o - pens now the king. he that he loves ev - 'ry day I know so well and me

ELW #271, vs. 2



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ELW #271, vs. 3



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ELW #271, vs. 5



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COMMUNION MUSIC

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(by Pietro Yon)

Angy Lyslo, soloist

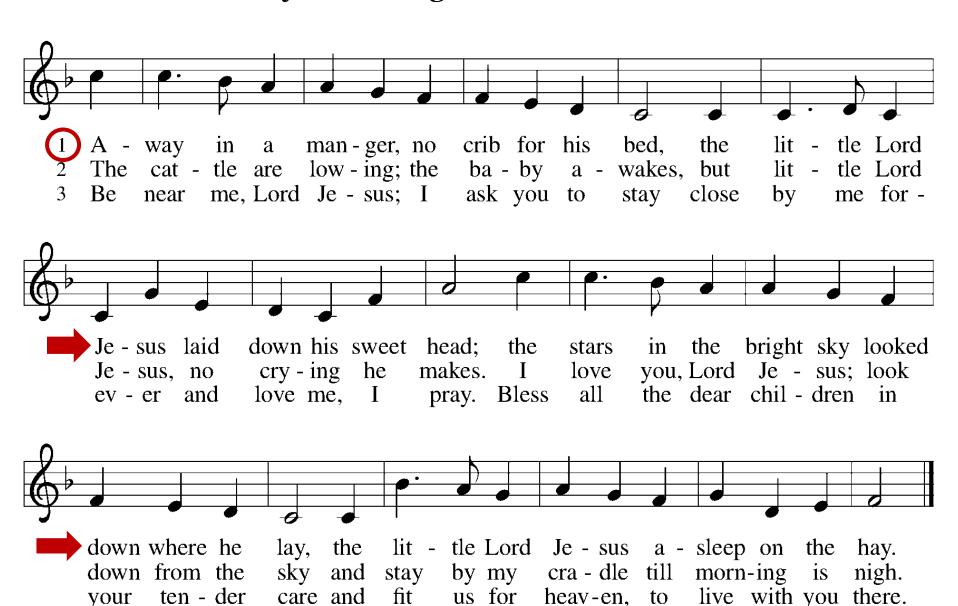


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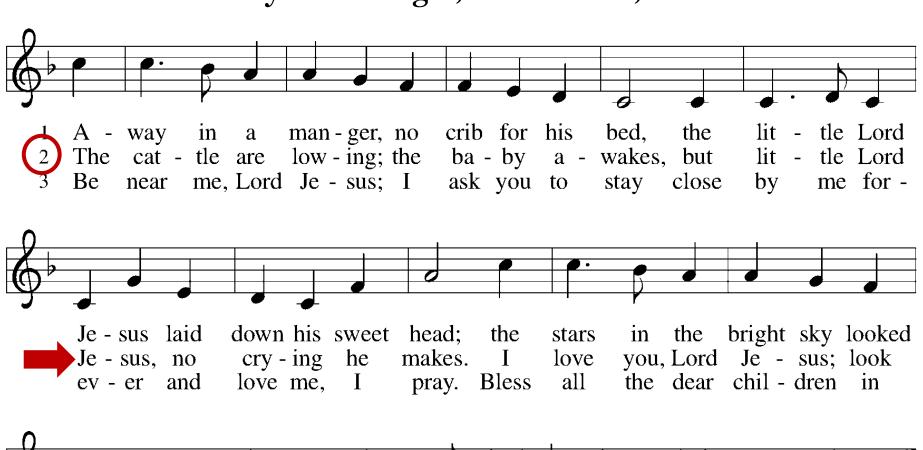
Away in a Manger ELW #277



Away in a Manger, ELW # 277, vs. 1



Away in a Manger, ELW # 277, vs. 2





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Away in a Manger, ELW # 277, vs. 3



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



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



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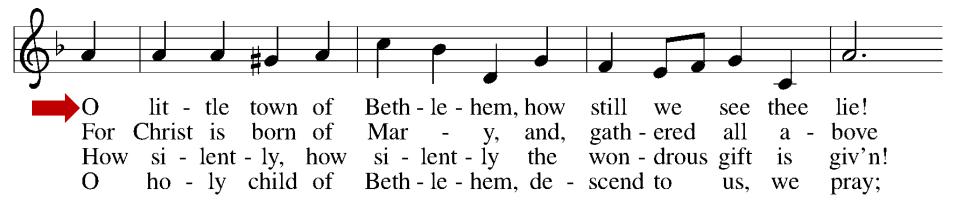
lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay. sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh. care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW #279

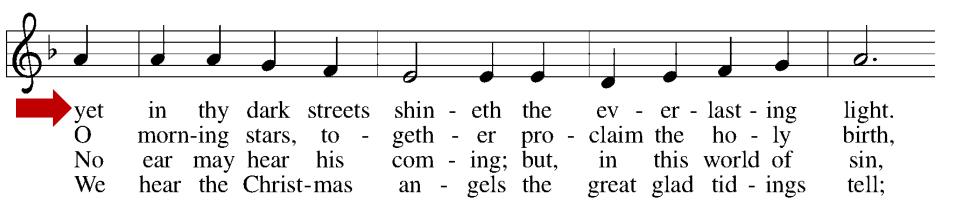


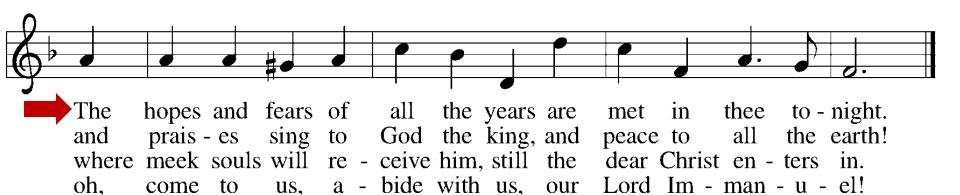




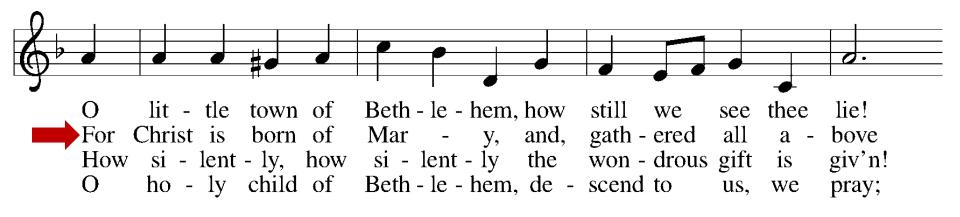
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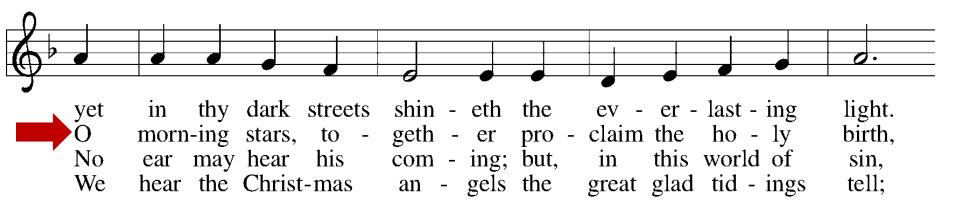


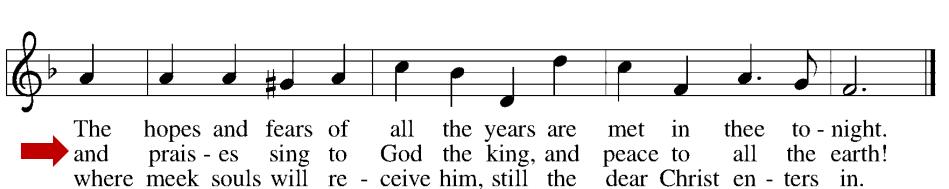






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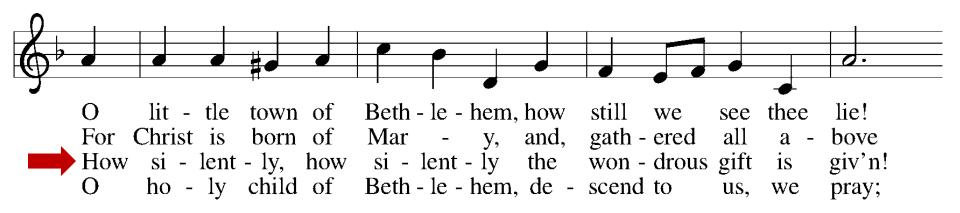


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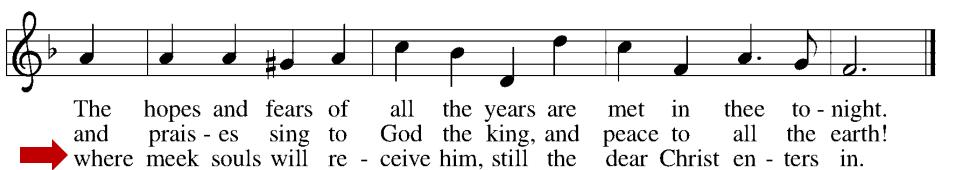




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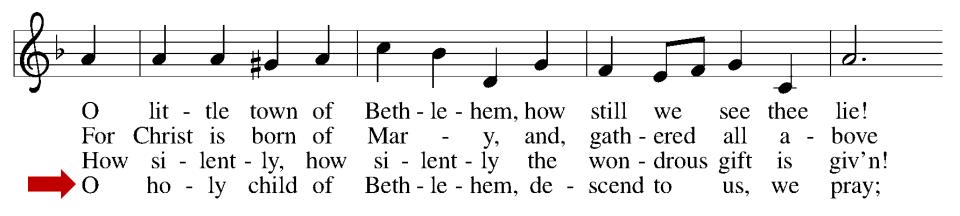




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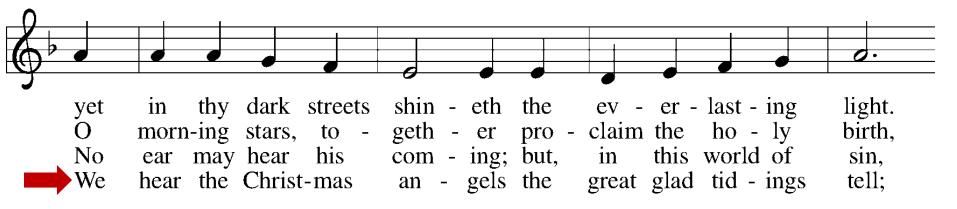
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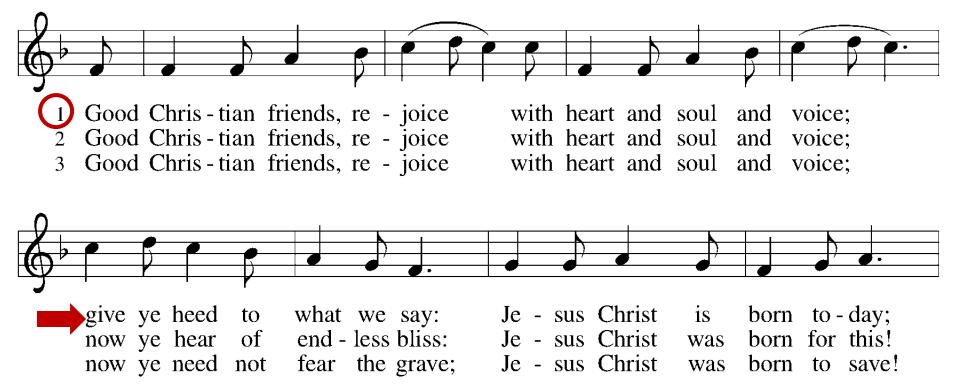


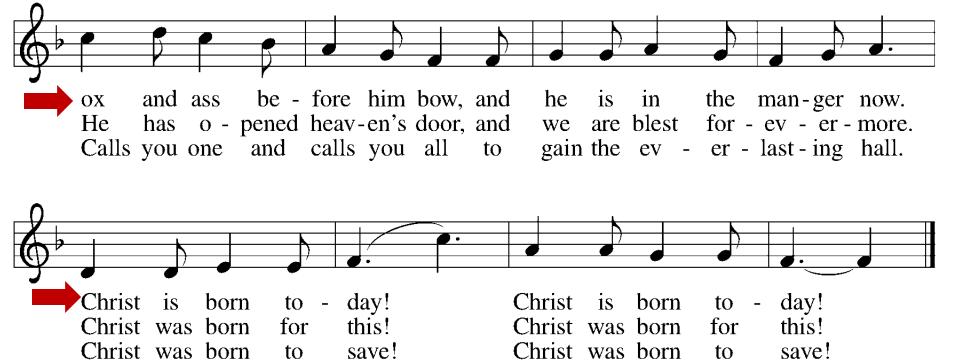
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night. and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth! where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in. oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

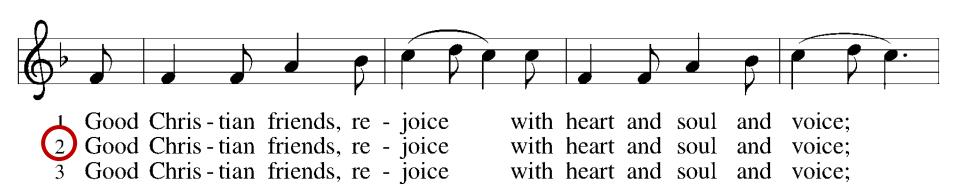
COMMUNION HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice ELW #288





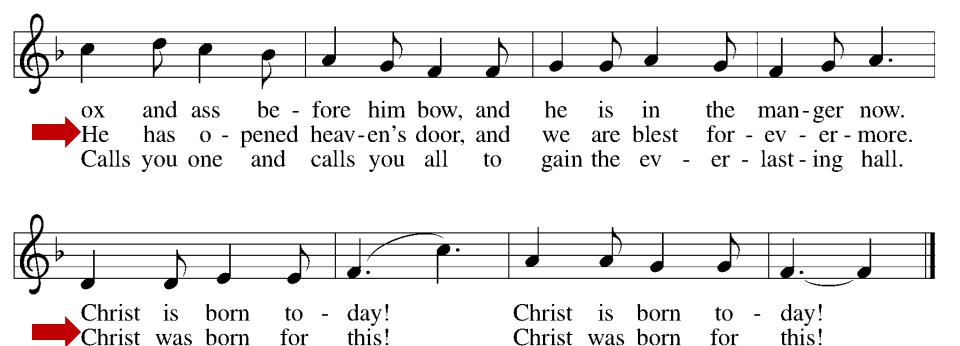






now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je now ye need not fear the grave; Je

Je - sus Christ is born to - day; Je - sus Christ was born for this! Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Christ was born

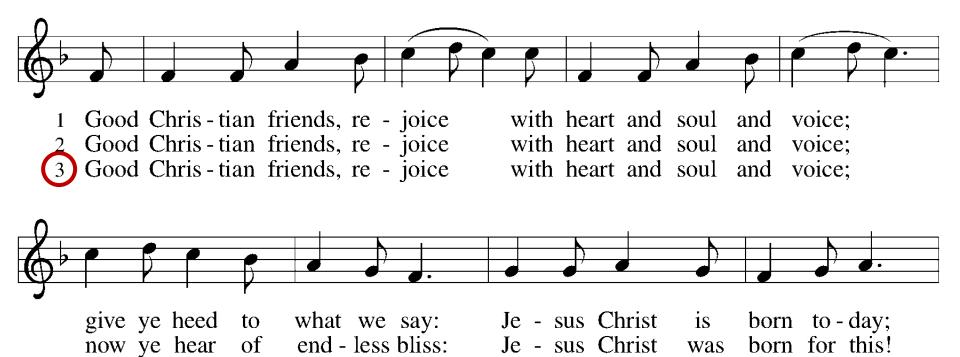
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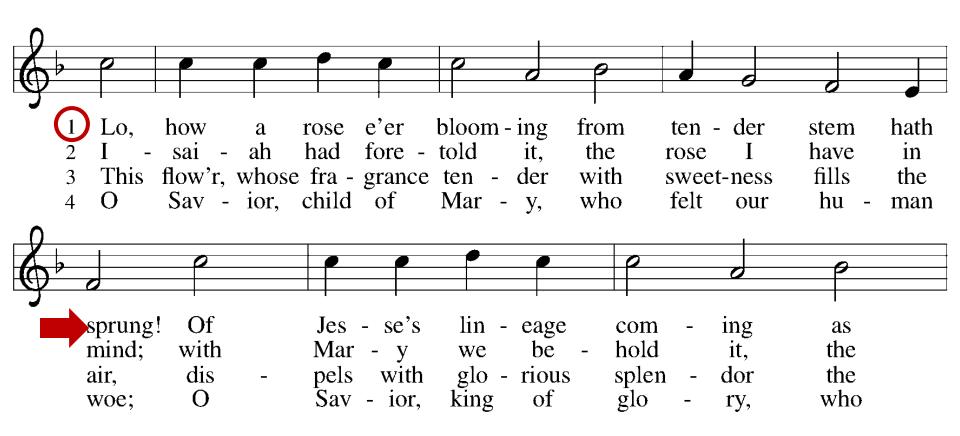


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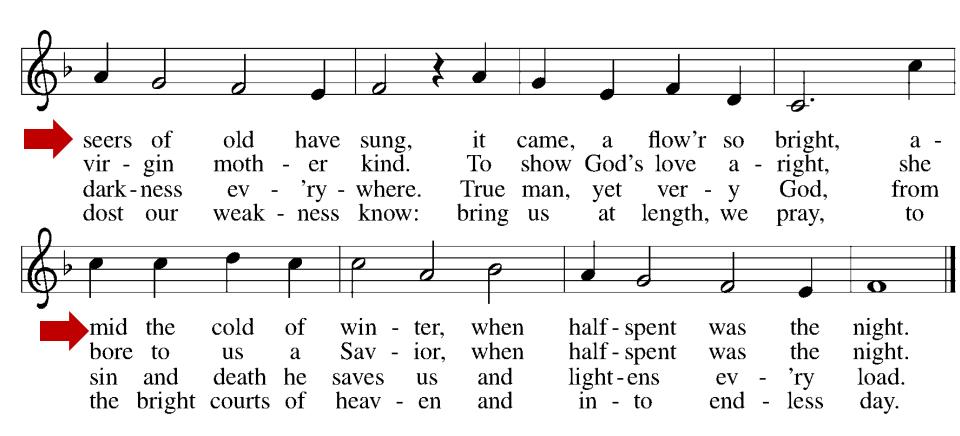
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

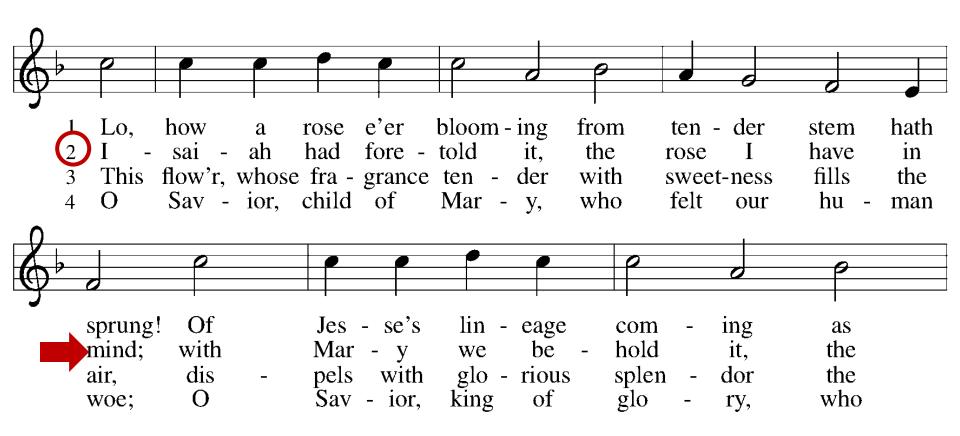
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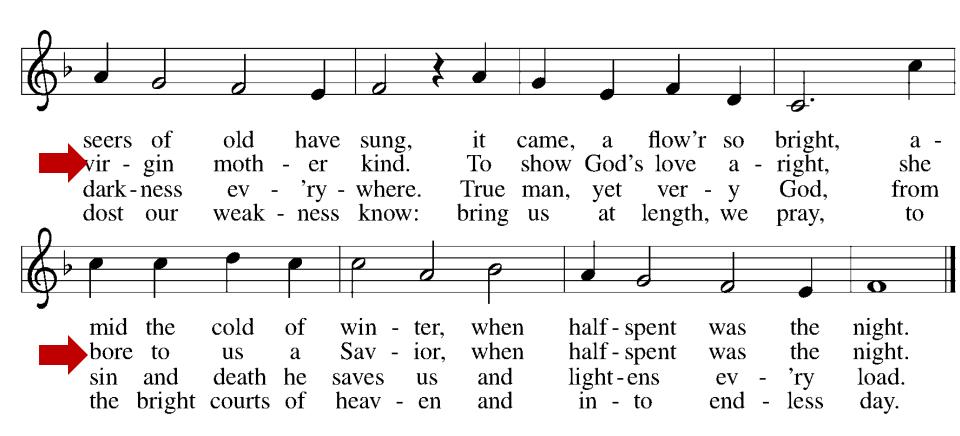


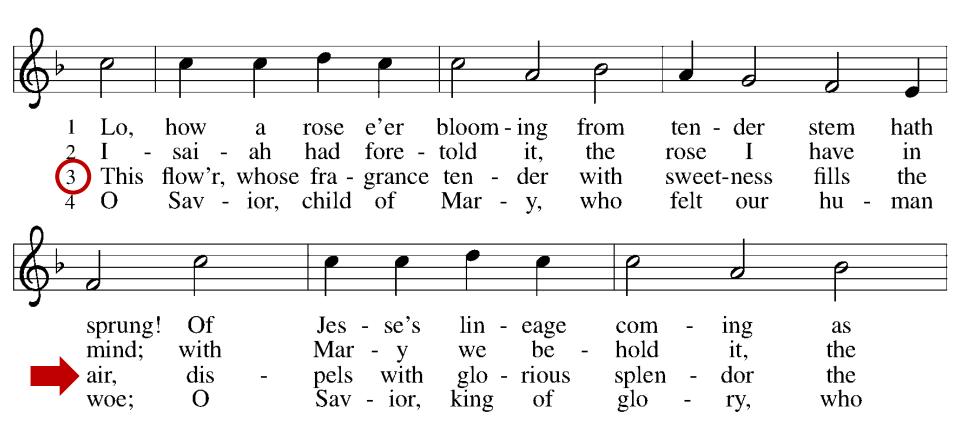




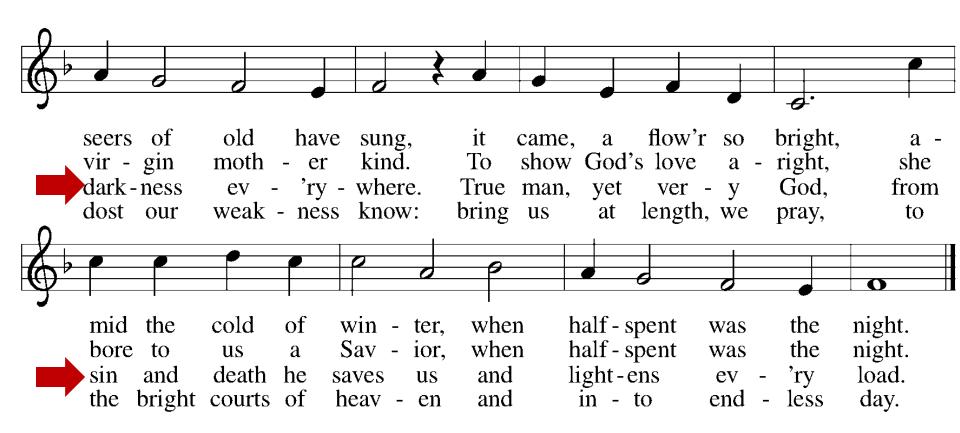


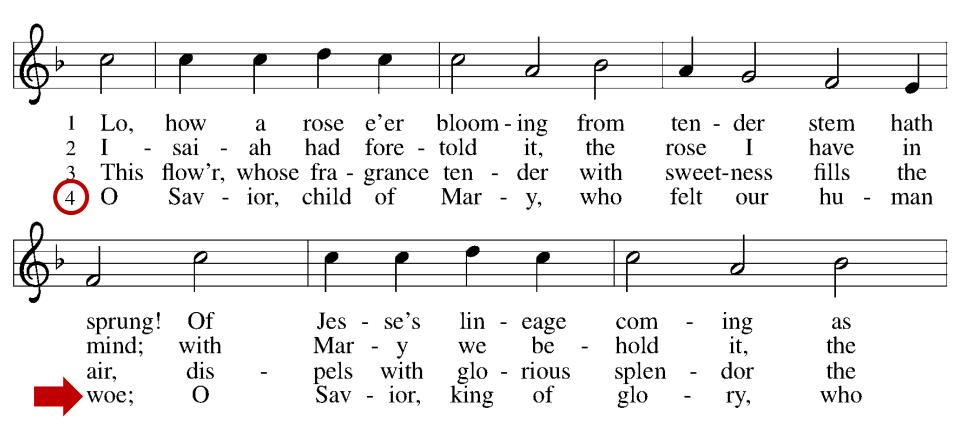
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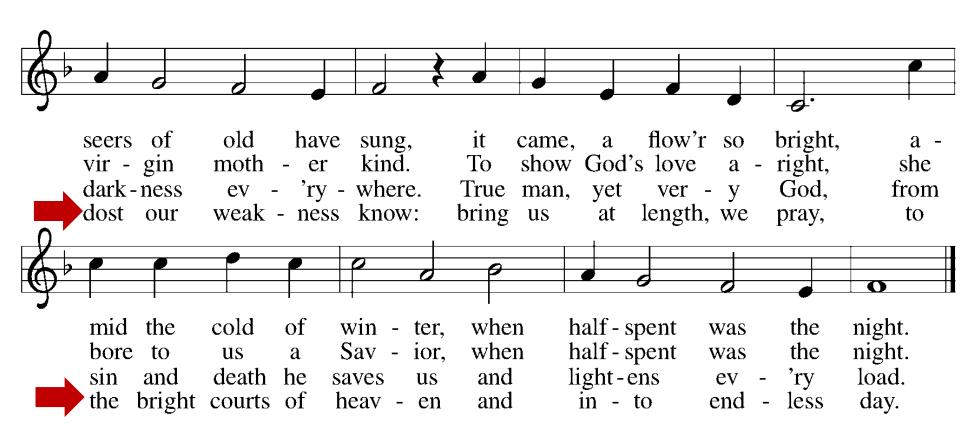


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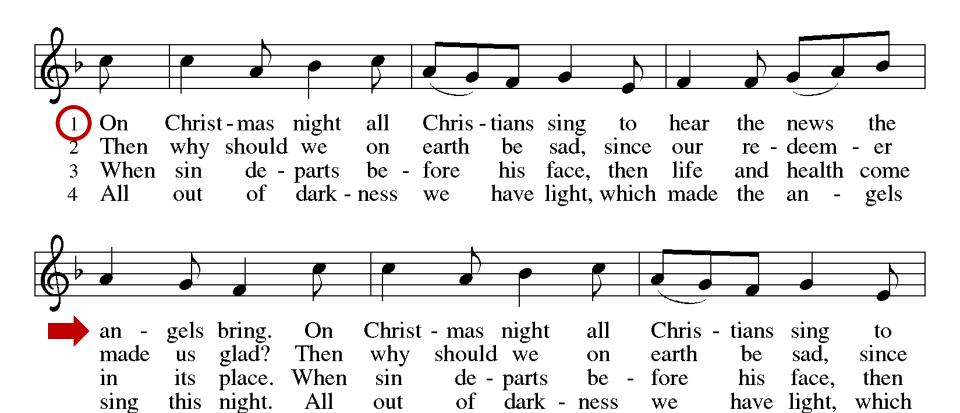


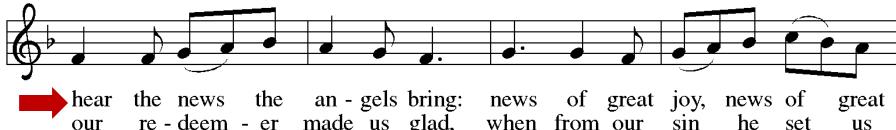
COMMUNION HYMN

On Christmas Night

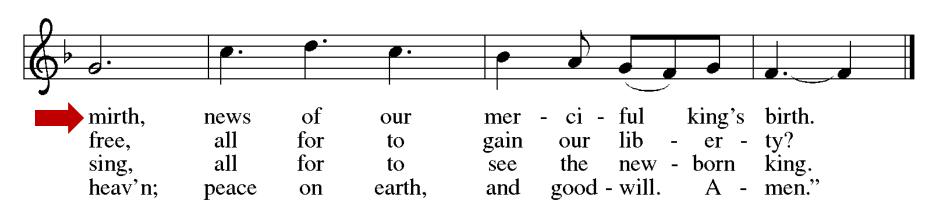
ELW #274







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



and

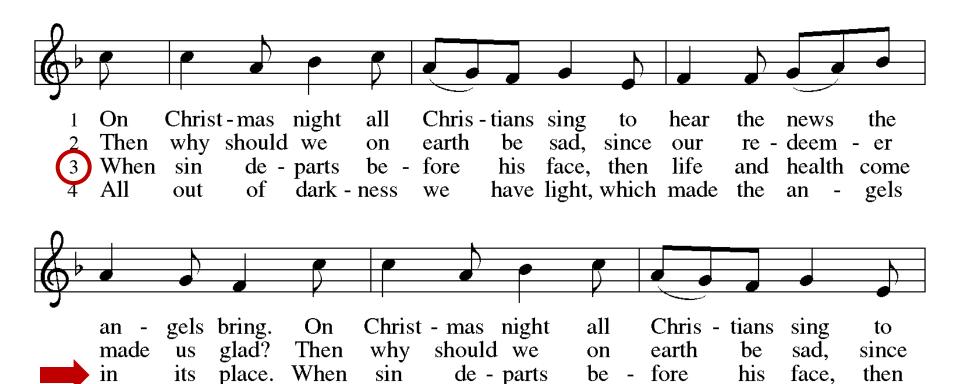


Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing to On hear the news Then why should we re - deem - er on earth be sad, since our de - parts be - fore his face, then life When sin and health come of dark - ness we All have light, which made the out an - gels



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





of dark - ness

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sing

All

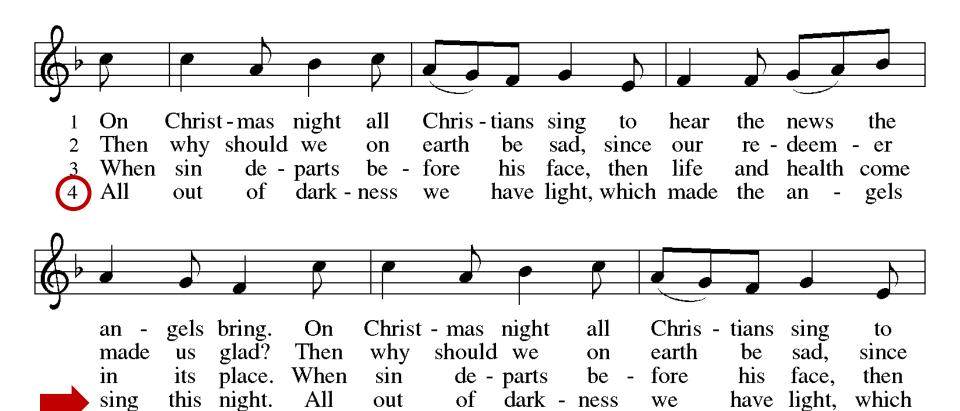
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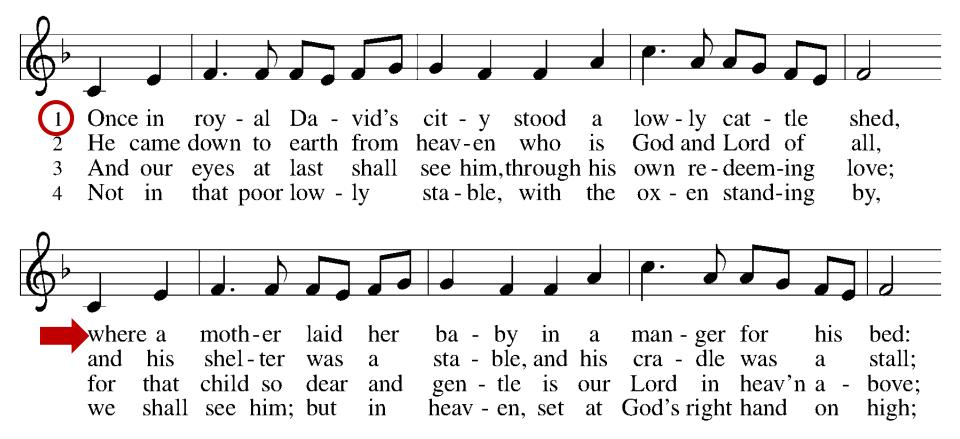


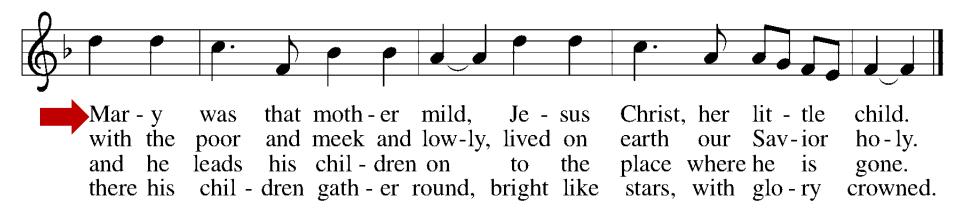
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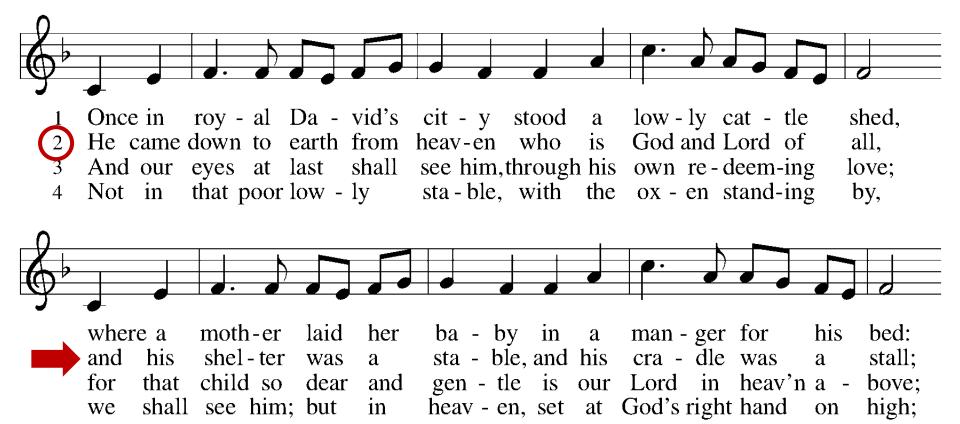
Once in Royal David's City

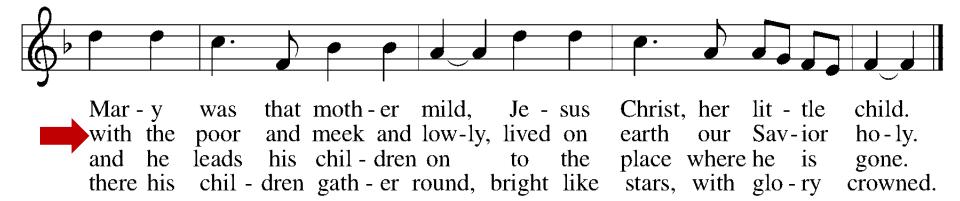
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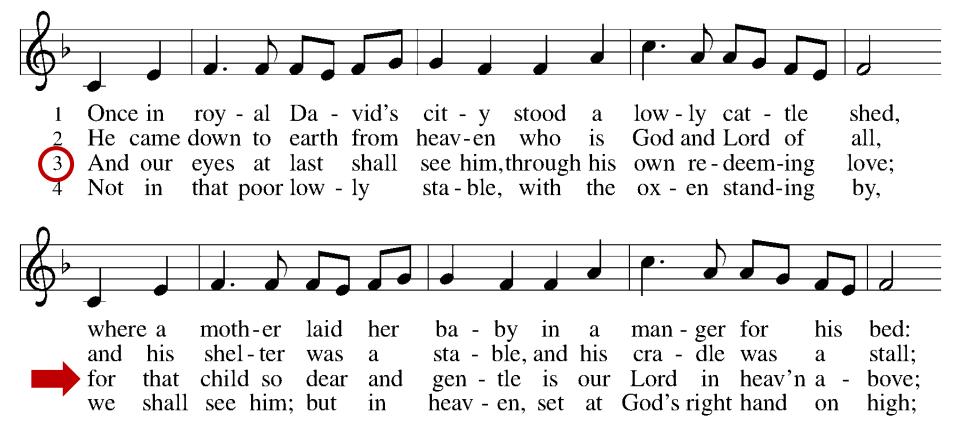


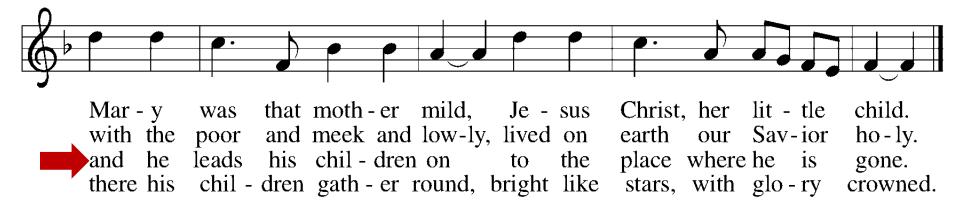


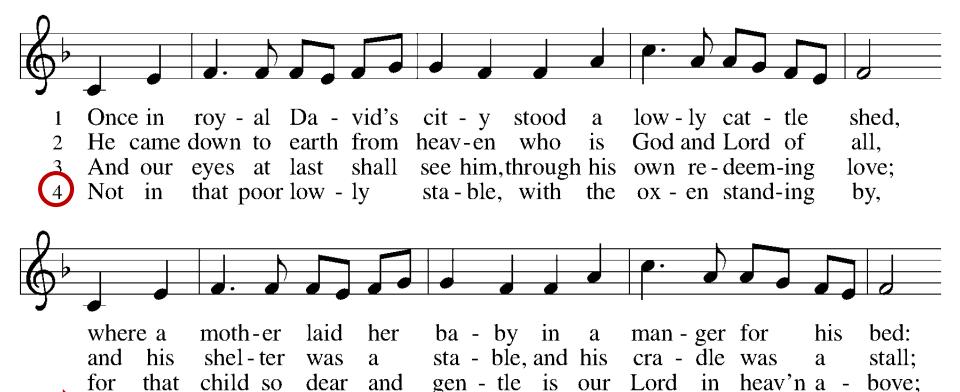










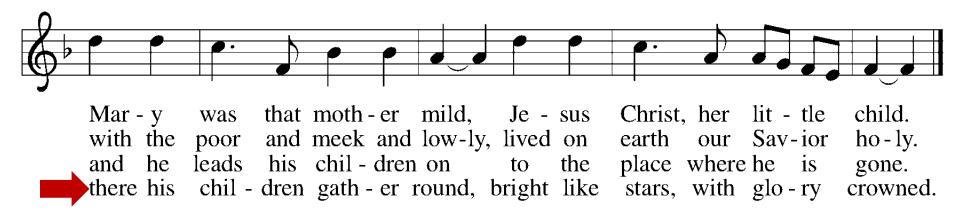


shall see him; but

in

heav - en, set at God's right hand

high;



Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

C: Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Please light your candle by dipping it into the flame of your neighbor's lit candle.



CHRISTMAS CAROL

Silent Night ELW #281

Please wait to sing until all candles are lit.





diant

beams

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your

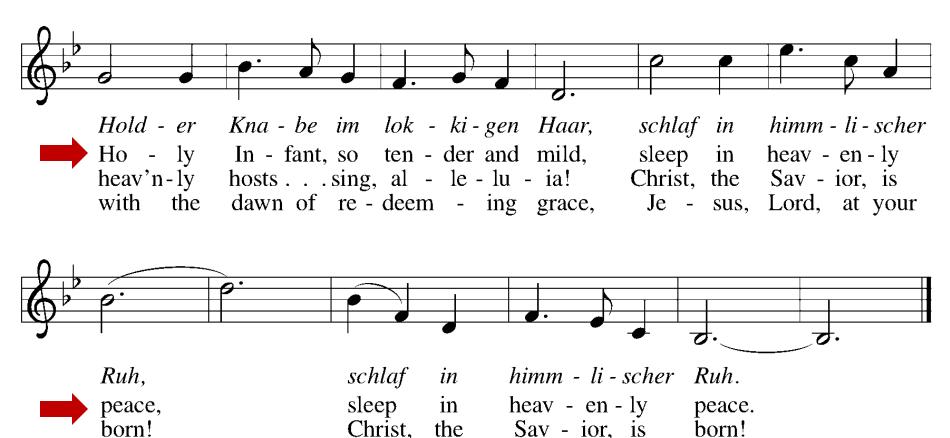
ra -

love's pure

light

face,

ho - ly



sus,

Je -

birth,

Lord, at your

birth.



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beams

from

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love's pure

light

face,

ho - ly



hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the heav'n-ly dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your with the

heav - en - ly Sav - ior, is

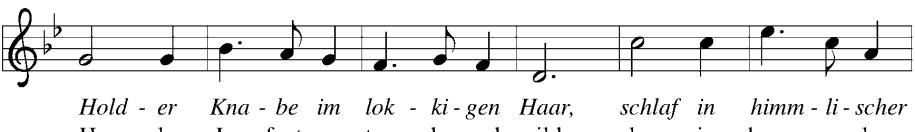


peace, born! birth,

sleep in Christ, the Je sus,

heav - en - ly peace. Sav - ior, is born! Lord, at your birth.





heav'n-ly with the

Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

heav - en - ly Sav - ior, is



peace, born! birth,

sleep in Christ, the Je sus, heav - en - ly peace. Say - ior, is born! Lord, at your birth.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

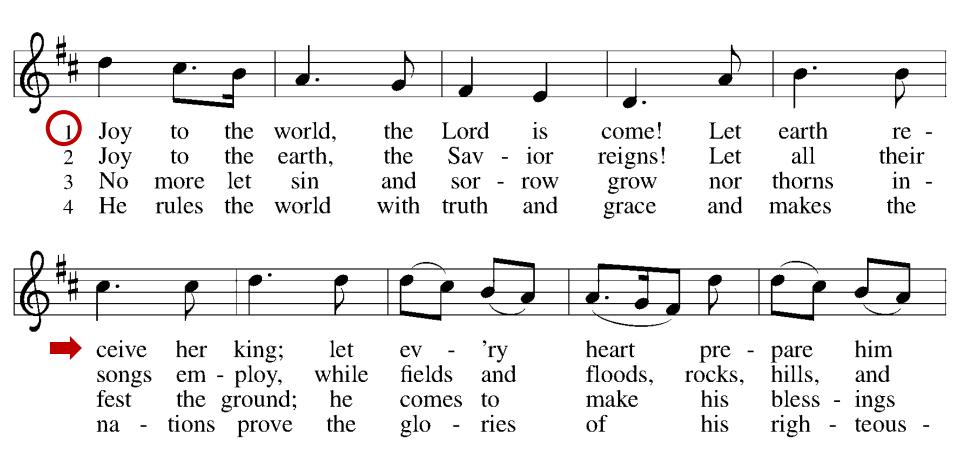
Lift high the torch; You did not light its glow. 'Twas given you by other hands, you know. I think it started down its pathway bright; The day the Maker said, "Let there be light." And he once said who hung on Calvary's tree "You are the light of the world, Go shine for me!"

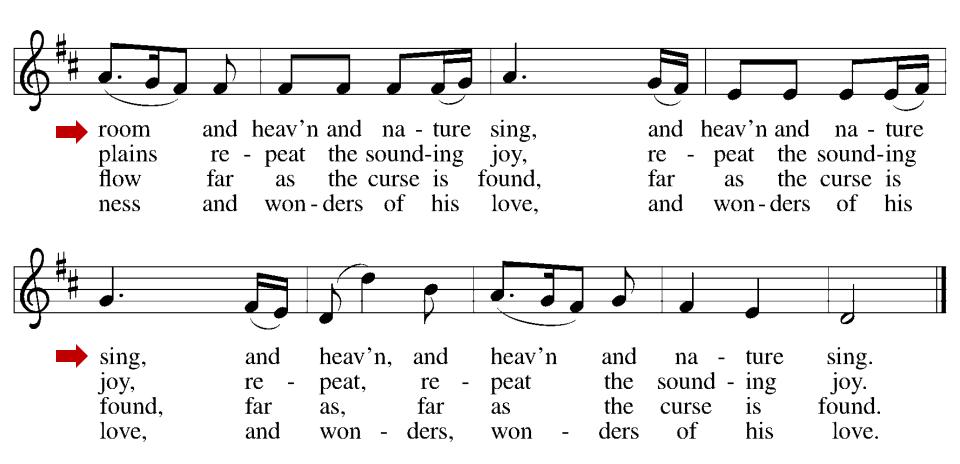
SENDING HYMN

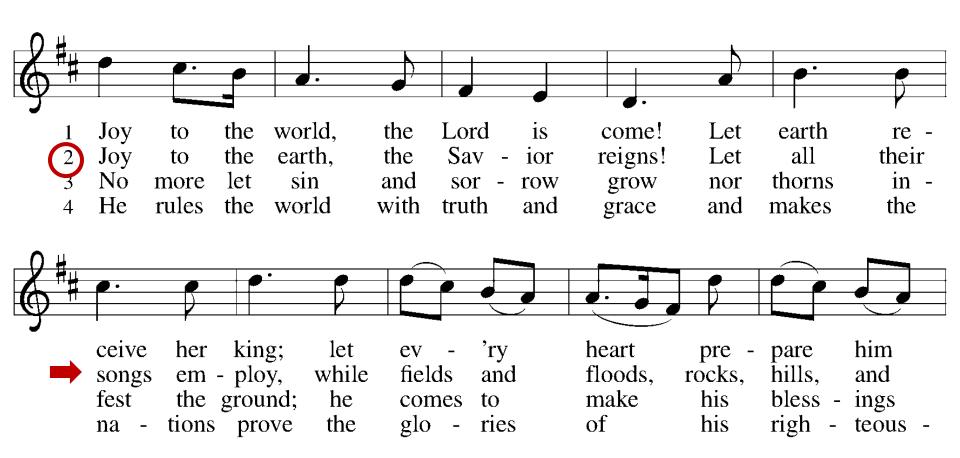
Joy to the World

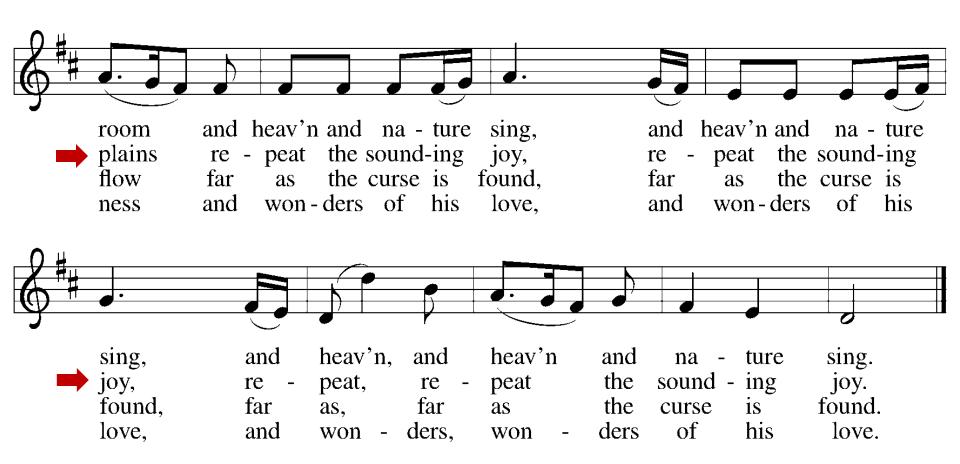
ELW #267

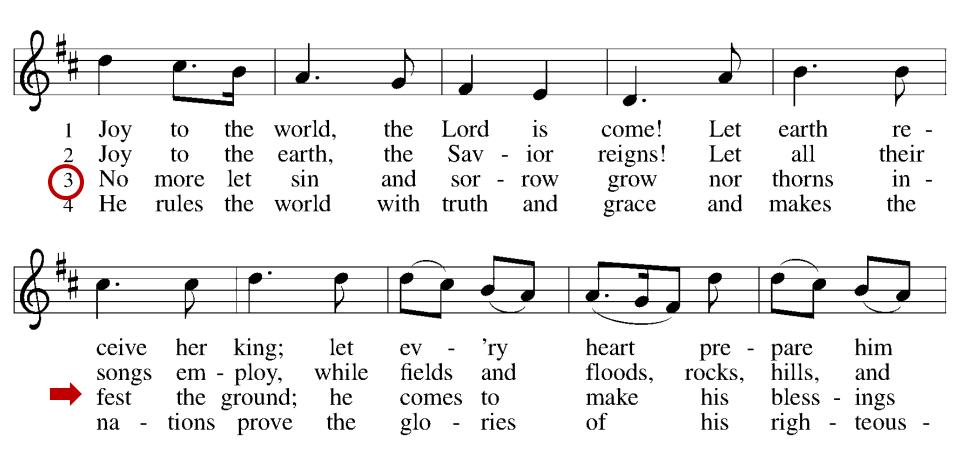


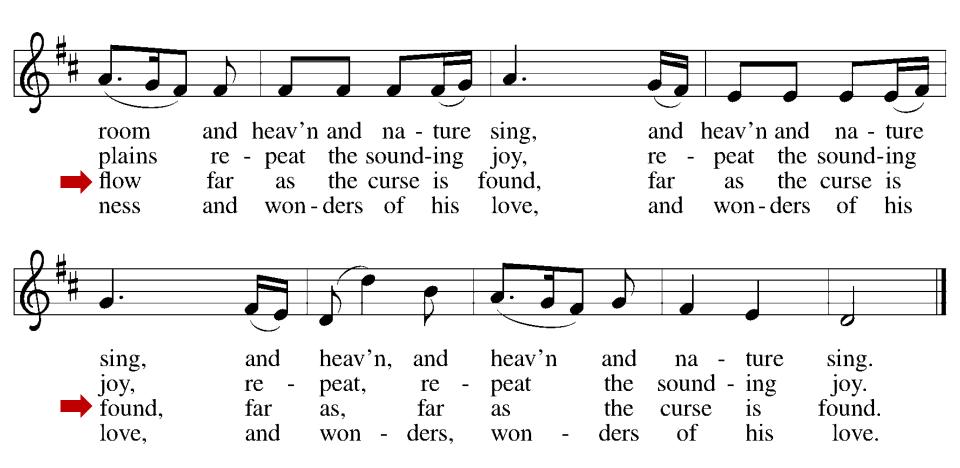


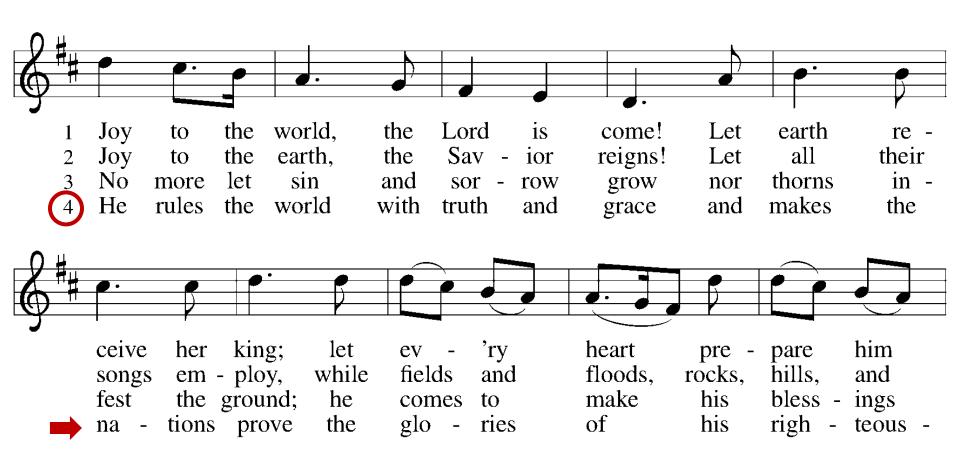


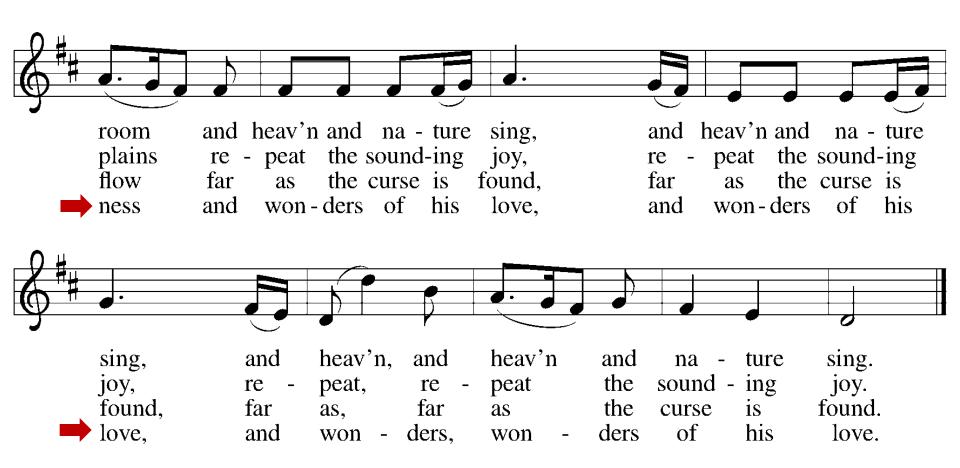














P: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C: Thanks be to God.





Kevin Klemm, piano Brian Counterman, saxophone

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