

Closing Hymn

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet, the words repeat
Of peace on earth goodwill to men.

I thought how as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men.

And in despair I bowed my head;
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,
“For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men.”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
“God is not dead nor doth He sleep!”
“The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth goodwill to men.”

Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day;
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth goodwill to men.

Pre-Service Song

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

What Child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping;
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading;
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So, bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come peasant, king to own Him!
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him!
Raise, raise the song on high! the Virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Songs of Praise

1) GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

[CHORUS]

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

2) THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

[CHORUS]

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently on bended knee;
And offered there, in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

3) GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say, News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow and He is in the manger now,
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss, Joy, joy! Jesus Christ was born for this;
He has opened heaven's door and man is blessed evermore,
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave, Peace, peace! Jesus Christ was born to save;
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall,
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

4) AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes.
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

5) JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!

[CHORUS]

Rejoice, rejoice, our God is here with us!
Emmanuel, our God, is still with us!

Hymn

LOVE HAS COME

Love has come, a light in the darkness,
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies;
See all heaven has come to proclaim it,
Hear how their song of joy arises!
Love, love, born unto you a Savior;
Love, love, glory to God on high.

Love is born, come share in the wonder,
Love is God now asleep in the hay;
See the glow in the eyes of His mother;
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love, love, love is the name she whispers;
Love, love, Jesus Immanuel.

Love has come, He never will leave us,
Love is life everlasting and free;
Love is Jesus within and among us,
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking!
Love, love, love is the gift of Christmas;
Love, love, praise to You God on high!

Doxology (O Bless the Gifts)

O BLESS THE GIFTS/DOXOLOGY

O bless the gifts our hands have brought
And bless the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!