

Shepherds, why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ, whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King!

See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

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 blessing flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

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

O, COME ALL YE FAITHFUL!

O, come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O, come ye, O, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

[CHORUS]

|| | O come let us adore Him, || |
Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O, sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

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

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) HOW GREAT OUR JOY

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright

[CHORUS]

How great our joy (great our joy)
Joy joy joy (joy joy joy)
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on high)

“There shall be born,” so he did say,
“In Bethlehem a Child today!”

“There shall the Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all.”

This gift of God we'll cherish well
That ever joy our hearts shall fill

3) JOY TO THE WORLD

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,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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) O, HOLY NIGHT!

O, holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth;
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

[CHORUS 1]

Fall on your knees, O, hear the angel voices!
O, night divine! O, night when Christ was born!
O, night, O, holy night, O, night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land;
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend.

[CHORUS 2]

He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger;
|| Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend! ||

Truly, He taught us to love one another!
His law is love and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease;
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name!

[CHORUS 3]

Christ is the Lord! O, praise His name forever!
|| His power and glory evermore proclaim! ||

Hymn

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

[CHORUS]

|| Gloria in excelsis Deo! ||