

Combined Christmas Service

December 15th 2024

Song 1 | Hark the Herald / King of Heaven

Hark the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace, Hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; hail th'incarnat deity
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

*King of Heaven come down, King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign, Shining like the day, King of Heaven come
King of Heaven rise up! Who can stand against us?
You are strong to save in Your mighty name, King of Heaven come*

3. Christ by highest Heav'n adored, Christ the Everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth
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Song 2 | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear

2. O come, Thou, Dayspring from on high
And cause Thy light on us to rise
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

3.O come, O come, true prophet of the Lord
And turn the key to heaven's door
Be Thou our comforter and guide and lead us to the Father's side
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall by His Word our darkness dispel

4.O come, our great High Priest, and intercede
Thy sacrifice, our only plea
The judgment we no longer fear
Thy precious blood has brought us near
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has banished every fear of hell

5. O Come, Thou King of nations, bring an end to all our suffering
Bid every pain and sorrow cease and reign now as our Prince of Peace
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel; Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel;
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come again with us to dwell*

Song 3 | Behold Our God

1.Who has held the oceans in His hand?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice!

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

2.Who has become humble, human, weak?
Who has fulfilled every prophecy?
Who but he could carry all our sin?
Who but Jesus, born to be our King?

*Behold our God, come as helpless babe
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

3.Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him*

*Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let your glory ...)

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
Christ the Lord.

O come, let us behold him
O come, let us behold him
O come, let us behold him
Christ the Lord.

Beholding the Messiah | Readings

I. The Promise of the Messiah

Micah 5:2–4

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

Matthew 2:3–6

3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;**4** and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

II. The Announcement of the Messiah:

Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Luke 1:26–33

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” **29** But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. **30** And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

III. The Birth of the Messiah:

Isaiah 9:6–7

6 For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:1–7

2:1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And all went to be registered, each to his own town. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, **5** to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **6** And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

IV. Beholding the Messiah:

Isaiah 11:1–2

1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Luke 2:8–14

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. **10** And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Song 4 * | Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

FINNISH

2. Jouluyö, juhlayö! Paimenill' yksin työ.
Enkel taivaasta ilmoitti heill':
Suuri koittanut riemu on teill'!
Kristus syntynyt on, Kristus syntynyt on!

INDONESIAN

3. Malam kudus, sunyi senyap; kabar baik menggegap
Bala sorga menyanyikannya,
Kaum gembala menyaksikannya:
"Lahir raja Syalom, Lahir raja Syalom!"

FRENCH

4. Douce nuit, sainte nuit! Dans les cieux! L'astre luit.
Le mystère annoncé s'accomplit
Cet enfant sur la paille endormi,
C'est l'amour infini! C'est l'amour infini!

GERMAN

5. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch-heilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

AFRIKAANS

6. Stille nag, heilige nag. Jesus kind lank verwag
Lig uit lig uit die Vader se ryk
word uit liefde aan mense gelyk
Loof die hemelse Kind! Loof die hemelse Kind!

HINDI

7. Shaanti kee raat, paavan ye raat, laal janma maariya ne aaj
aaya Paalanahaara is dharati par
naache jan jan saare pulakit hokar
laaya Yeeshu sukh ki saragam
Yeeshu ka ho svaagatam

8. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Praise God for all that he has done; Praise Him for Jesus' reign begun!
He came with love to make us one; He will return, His kingdom come.
Amen!

Song 5 | M is for Messiah

*"M" is for messiah,
The Saviour we all need
He's the King of Kings and Lord of all
And friend to you and me!*

M – mediator!
E – eternal king!
S – suffering servant
and saviour, so let's sing:

I – Immanuel
A – anointed one
H – holy one, forever God;
to him alone we sing:

Song 6 | Oh Holy Night

1. O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of our dear Saviour'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.
Fall on your knees; oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, o night when Christ was born!
O night divine, o night when Christ was born!*

2. Humbly He lay, Creator come as creature,
Born on the floor of a hay-scattered stall.
True Son of God, yet bearing human feature,
He entered earth to reverse Adam's fall.

*In tow'ring grace, He laid aside His glory,
And in our place, was sacrificed for sin.
Fall on your knees! O hear the gospel story!
O night divine, o night when Christ was born!
O night divine, o night when Christ was born!*

3. 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,
With all our hearts we praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! Oh praise His name forever,
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim*

*Christ is the Lord! Oh praise His name forever,
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim,
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim*

Song 7 | Joy to the World / Unspeakable Joy

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every 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

2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

*Joy, unspeakable joy!
Overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy, unspeakable joy!
Rises in my soul
Never lets me go*

3. 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!

Joy, unspeakable joy!...