

CAROLS

Joy to the world the Lord has come:
let earth receive her king!

Let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth – the Saviour reigns!

Your sweetest songs employ,
while fields and streams, 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,
the wonders of his love, the wonders of his love,
the wonders, wonders of his love.

Hark! The herald angels sing 'Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.'
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Hark! The herald-angels sing, 'Glory to the new-born King.'

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see. Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace.

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness;

light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

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.



CHRISTMAS DAY 2021



WELCOME

from Richard Hopkins

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O come all you faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come now, oh come now, to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

*O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

God from God, Light from light,
He who abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
sing, all you citizens of heaven above, 'Glory to God in the highest!'

Yes Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to you be glory given!
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing.



LOTS TO CELEBRATE ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

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O little town of Bethlehem how still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in your dark streets shining is everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in you tonight.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silent the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him – still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell -
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

PRAYERS

BIBLE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.”

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Silent Night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round the virgin and her child:
holy infant, so gentle and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace;
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glory streams from heaven afar:
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.'

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light:
radiant beams your holy face
with the dawn of saving grace.
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord at your birth.



BIBLE TALK

from Rich Adam