

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Membership of the Todd & Leah Robinson Family

† *Pastor.* Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

There will come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse; and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

Isaiah 9:2 & 60:1



Lift up your hearts...

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & 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 debts,

as we have forgiven our debtors

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory

Forever, Amen.

† **Congregational Singing**

Once in Royal David's City—insert

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

**For in the way you judge, you will be judged;
and by your standard of measure, it will be
measured to you.**

**Why do you look at the speck that is in your
brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is
in your own eye?**

**Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me
take the speck out of your eye,' when there is
the log is in your own eye?**

**You hypocrite, first take the log out of your
own eye, and then you will see clearly to take
the speck out of your brother's eye.**

**Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not
throw your pearls before swine, or they will
trample them under their feet, and turn and
tear you to pieces.**

Matthew 7:1-6



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS
OUR SINS

† The congregation is invited to stand

‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, we come to You as a righteous Judge, and as One who is filled with mercy. Be merciful to us, and forgive us our sins for they are many. Forgive us for desiring our own ways instead of desiring Your favor. Forgive our ready embrace of our sins—sins of thought, speech, and deeds—for these separate us from You. You know our sins. We are lazy in confession and repentance, yet You remain faithful. Our sins break fellowship with You and others. We have not loved You as we should. We have not sought You as Your servants. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We need Your pardon. Forgive us these sins, as well as those we now confess to You...

[we pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

O Lord, we give You thanks for Your kindness and abundant pardon; provided through Your Son who has died for us, taking the penalty which was our due, and You have received us in Him. Now grant, most merciful Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and this to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”
“Thanks be to God!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *What Child is This*—250



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

**Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament**
Exodus 17:1-7

**Scripture Lesson from
the New Testament**
Acts 15:1-12

“This is the Word of the Lord”
“Thanks be to God!”

† **Gospel Lesson**—John 21:1-14

“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”
“Praise be to Christ!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text
Luke 1:46-56

Sermon
Mary’s Praise
Pastor Jeff Niell

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* —insert

‡ The congregation is invited to kneel

† The congregation is invited to stand

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*
As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, and voices in thankful praise...

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

We Confess Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

† *Pastor*: Christians, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty; maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hades.**

**On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.**

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
The communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

After the Eucharist - A Table Blessing

† *Pastor*: May the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life eternal. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*—236

OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

† Benediction & Singing

Doxology from *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (p. 247)

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to Thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:

Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

TODAY

Membership—The Todd and Leah Robinson family will be admitted to our membership today.

FORUM—After worship you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for some coffee, fellowship, and Q&A. During this time, Pastors Niell and Jeffery will lead an informal Q&A time giving an opportunity for further discussion about the service and sermon. We'll finish at 1:30 p.m. with some quick clean-up.

Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth – Giving Response



During Advent we will be gathering items to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth. Particular items of need this year are diapers (sizes 1-6), baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, and diaper cream. Of course items like car seats, strollers, baby blankets, baby clothes, pack n' plays, and new mom gifts are always welcome. Please see the email from Mr. Nate Douglas that details further specific and pressing needs from PHC. Donations can be placed in the back corner of the foyer by the main entrance.

Lessons & Carols – Friday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary



Plan on joining us as we gather in the sanctuary for this service of Scripture and song which tells the story of hope and fulfillment in Jesus our Savior.

Gloria Sancta – January 5-8, 2022 / Registration closes tomorrow, 12/13



A retreat for single young adults who have graduated high school, about the ages 18-30 are encouraged to attend. The theme this year is, *Investment for Your Future*. Pastors Randy Booth, Rob Hadding, Steve Jeffery, and Jeff Niell will be teaching. **Register at www.gloriasancta.org**

A Special Thank You to all those who made the Advent Celebration such a joyous and festive time!



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. Advent is the time of the Church year in which we confess that God's purposes have come to fulfillment in some of the most unlikely ways. In this, the Gospel of the kingdom is proclaimed; the very kingdom which is likened to a small mustard seed. The wondrous works of God are displayed and they confound the wisdom of this age, and place demands upon the rulers of every age. During Advent, we acknowledge not merely the expectant precipice of God's plan being fulfilled, but also the sheer reality that His Word cannot be thwarted. The Lord has fulfilled His Word with *The Word* (John 1:1, 14). The Lord has chosen to confound the rulers of all ages through the birth of His Son, the ruler of the kings of the earth (Revelation 1:5). The decree of Caesar Augustus went forth, but so did a greater Word. The earthly ruler called for a census of the inhabited earth, not knowing that the Creator and the Ruler of the inhabited earth had come to inhabit the earth.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at All Saints, and we warmly invite to the Lord's Table all who are baptized disciples of the Lord Jesus, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church, and this includes covenant children. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the overseers of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being an active member of a congregation which belongs to the Triune God and is marked by the Word and sacraments. If you have any questions about your participation, please speak to one of the elders before or after the service.

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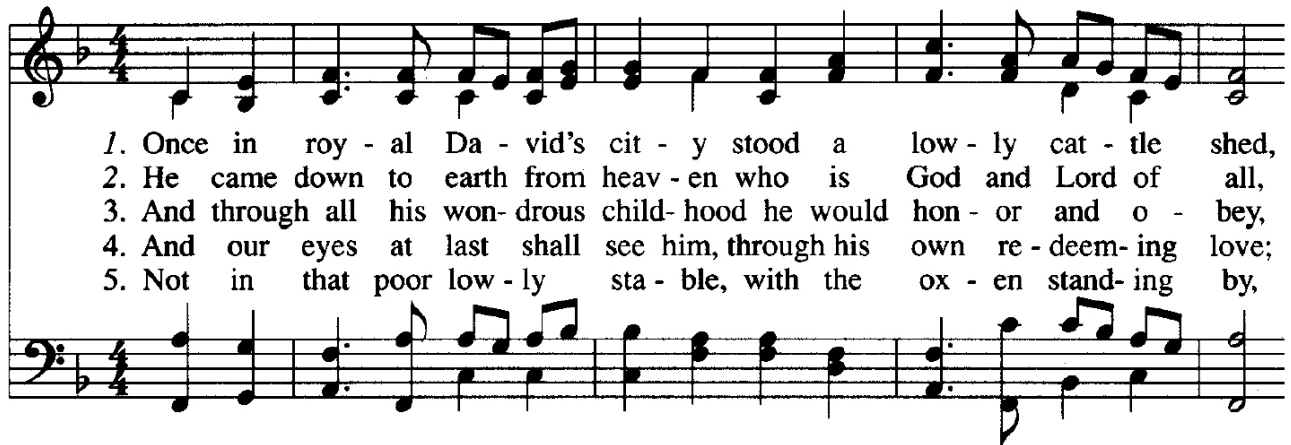
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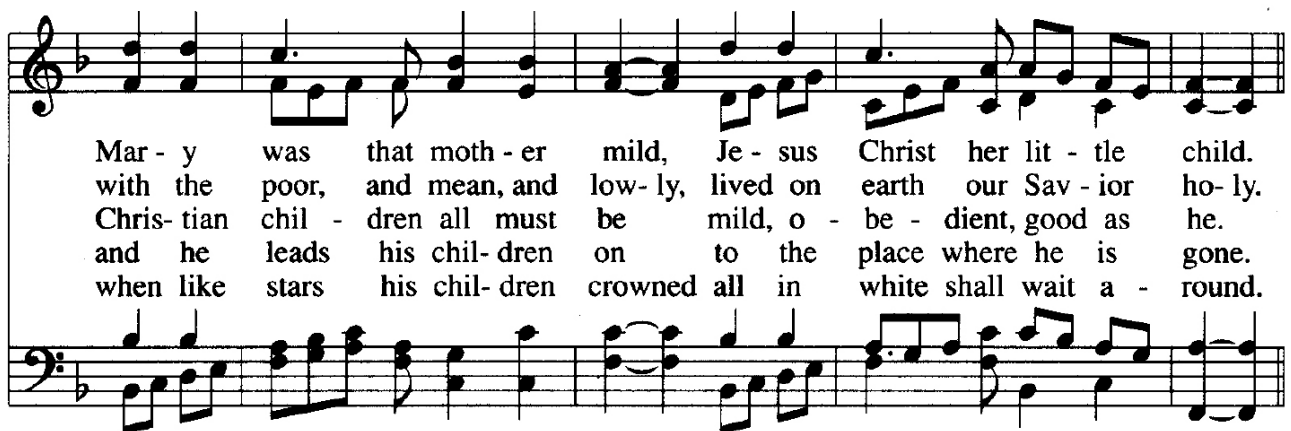
Once in Royal David's City



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,
we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

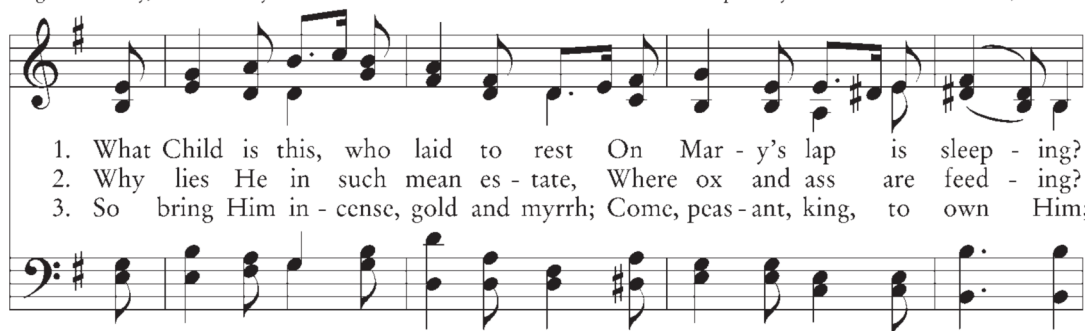
From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it."

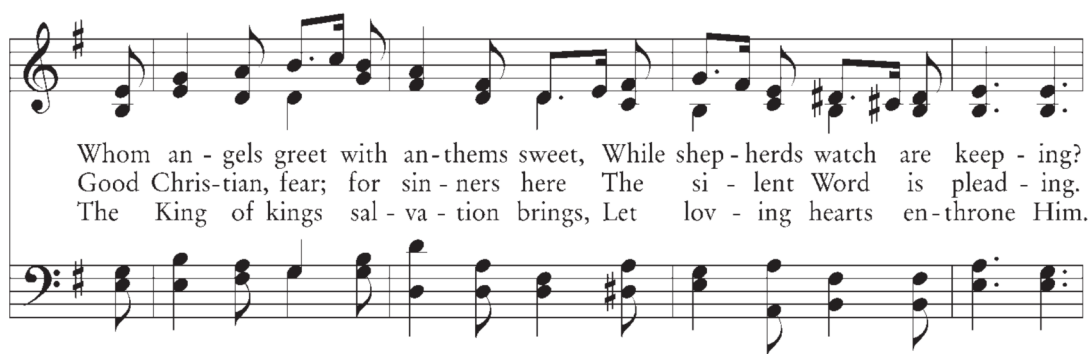
What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES (8 7. 8 7. 6 8. 6 7)
English melody, 16th century

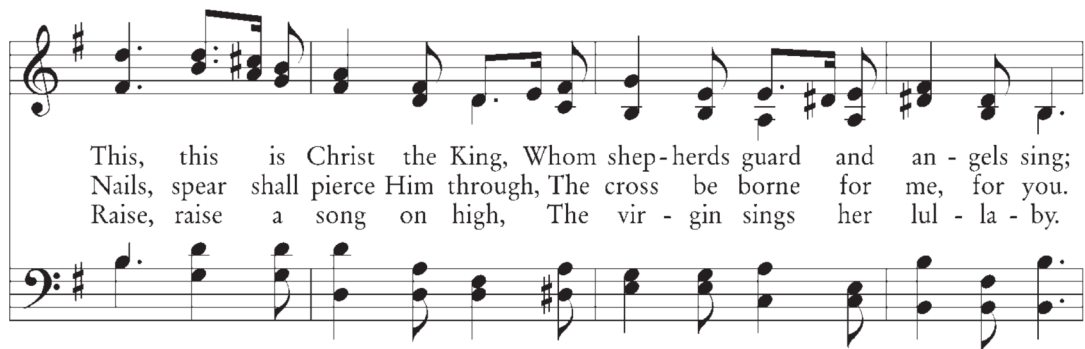
Traditional English carol, before 1642
adapted by William Chatterton Dix, c. 1865



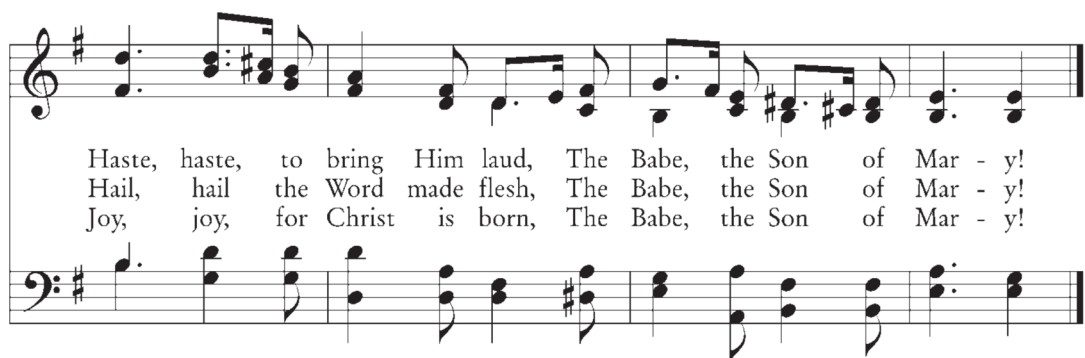
1. What Child is this, who laid to rest On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own Him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

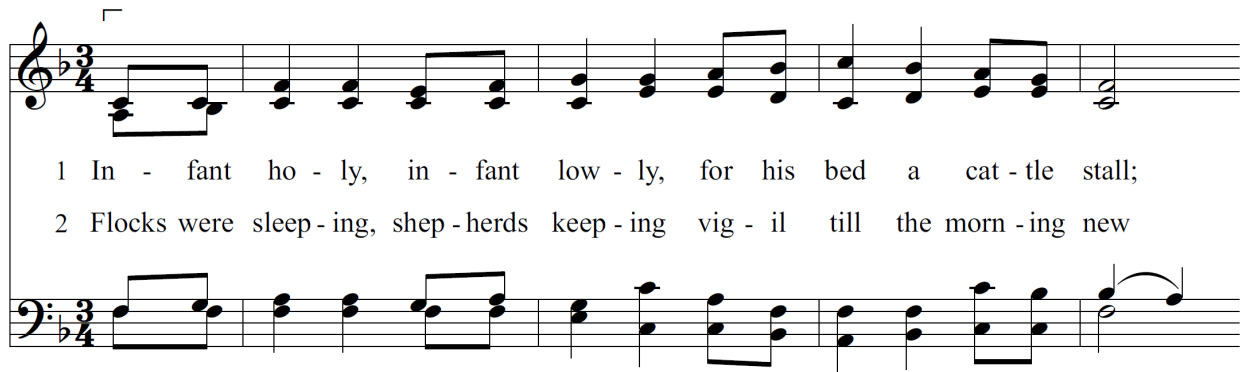


This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you.
Raise, raise a song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

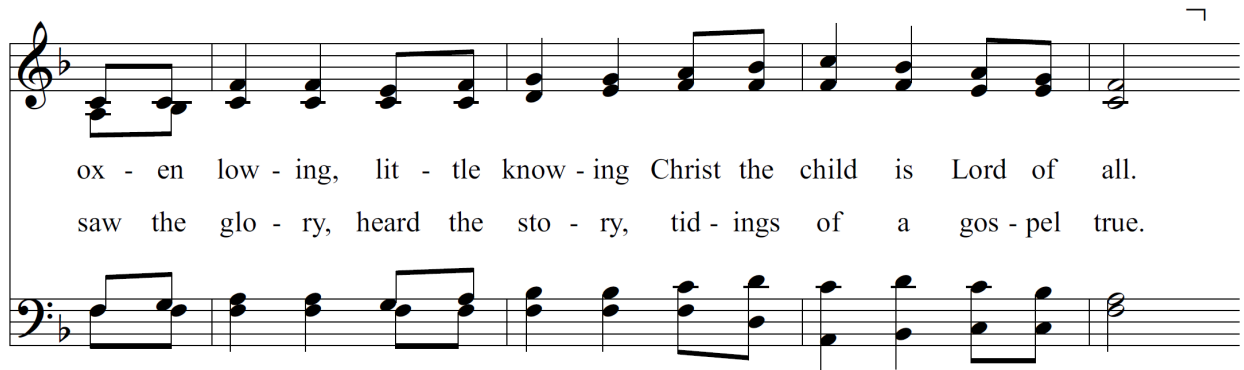


Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!

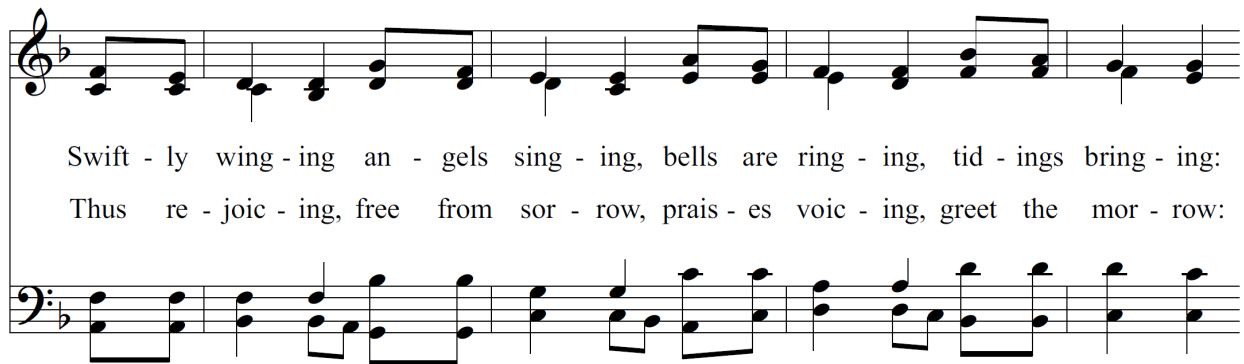
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!



Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN (7777.7777.77)
 Felix Mendelssohn, 1840
 arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. *Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home;*
 4. Ad - am's like - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place;
 5. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time, be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Rise, the wom - an's con - qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head.
 Sec - ond Ad - am from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Now dis - play Thy sav - ing pow'r, Ru - ined na - ture now re - store;
 Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain, Thee, the Life, the in - ner man:
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Now in mys - tic un - ion join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.
 O, to all Thy - self im - part, Formed in each be - liev - ing heart.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"