

Worship in Song

December 24, 2023

Call to Worship

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the
mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the
LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth the teaching,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many
peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into
plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against
nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.
Isaiah 2:2-5

Joy to the World!

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.

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

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.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father
a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same;
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name.

Poor slaves of sin were all mankind
Until that blessed day
When Christ our Savior came to earth
To take our sins away.
He gave himself a sacrifice
That we might live again.

Now to the Lord sing praises
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other new embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
the time of God's new grace.

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heav'n and earth adore,

So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As their precious gifts they laid,
At Thy manger roughly made,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King!

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.

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

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

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind hath bought

The Gift of Gifts

O Source of all good,

What shall I render to thee for the gift of
gifts,
thine own dear Son, begotten, not created,
my Redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute,
his self-emptying incomprehensible,
his infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders:

he came below to raise me above,
was born like me that I might become like
him.

Herein is love;

when I cannot rise to him he draws near
on wings of grace,
to raise me to himself.

Herein is power;

when Deity and humanity were infinitely
apart
he united them in indissoluble unity,
the created and the uncreated.

Herein is wisdom;

when I was undone, with no will to return
to him,
and no intellect to devise recovery,
he came, God-incarnate, to save me to the
uttermost,
as man to die my death,
to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,
to work out a perfect righteousness for
me.

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful
shepherds,

and enlarge my mind;
let me hear good tidings of great joy,
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise,
adore,
my conscience bathed in an ocean of
repose,
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;
place me with ox, ass, camel, goat,
to look with them upon my Redeemer's
face,
and in him account myself delivered from
sin;
let me with Simeon clasp the new-born
child to my heart,
embrace him with undying faith,
exulting that he is mine and I am his.

In him thou hast given me so much
that heaven can give no more.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou are;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,

Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Jesus, I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His and He is mine.
Hallelujah what a savior
Hallelujah what a friend
Saving, helping keeping, loving
He is with me to the end

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
God 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 our Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Blessing

The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen