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Christmas Carol Book
Family Christmas Service



Bethany Lutheran Church & Preschool

A Christmas Family Devotional

A carol may be sung.

Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Verses

Psalm 27:1,2; Isaiah 9:2, John 1:5, Luke 2:10

L The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?

C The Lord is my light and my salvation.

L The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

C The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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

C The Lord is my light and my salvation.

L The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

C The Lord is my light and my salvation.

L And the angel said to them: "Do not be afraid..."

C The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Prayer

L Lord Jesus,

C bless our whole family tonight. Help us to hear the news of Your birth and share the love that brought You to earth. In Your name we pray, Amen

THE FAMILY READS LITTLE LESSONS AND SINGS CAROLS TOGETHER.

The Lord's Prayer

C 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for ourselves and others

A Christmas Prayer

Martin Luther

C Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be,
A quiet chamber kept for Thee. Amen

Benediction and Peace

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Hymn

"Oh, Come, All Ye Children"

1 Oh, come, all ye chil-dren, oh, come, one and all,
To Beth-le-hem haste, to the man-ger so small,
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this
night To be your Re-deem-er, your Joy and De-light.

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2. He's born in a stable for you and for me,
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels, the heavenly Child.

3. See Mary and Joseph with love-beaming eyes
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies,
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.

4. Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now, and praise Him as they;
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.

5. Dear Christ Child, what gifts can we children bestow
By which our affection and gladness to show?
No riches and treasures of value can be,
But hearts that believe are accepted with Thee.

6. Our hearts, then, to Thee we will offer today,
We offer them gladly, accept them, we pray,
And make them so spotless and pure that we may
Abide in Thy presence in heaven for aye.





Hymn

"The Friendly Beasts"

1. Jesus our brother, kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beasts around Him stood
Jesus our brother, kind and good.
2. "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried His mother up hill and down;
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town."
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.
3. "I," said the cow, all white and red
"I gave Him my manger for a bed;
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head."
"I," said the cow, all white and red.
4. "I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.
5. "I," said the dove from the rafters high,
"Cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry;
We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I."
"I," said the dove from the rafters high.
6. Thus every beast by some good spell
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift he gave Emmanuel.

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1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



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“Away In a Manger”



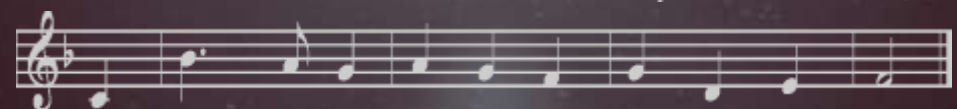
1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

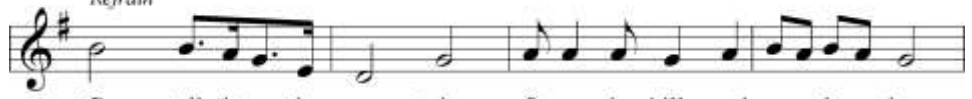


The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.




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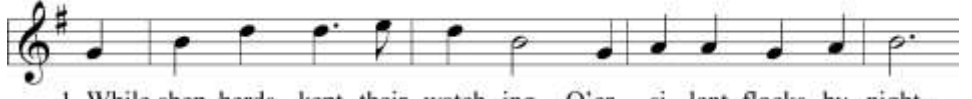
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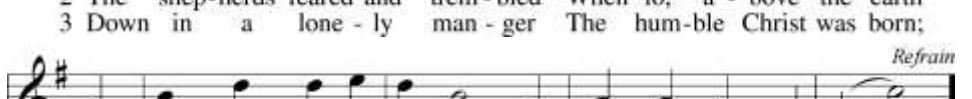
Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si-lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain

Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

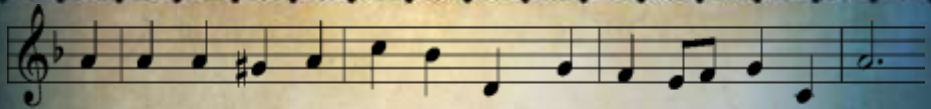
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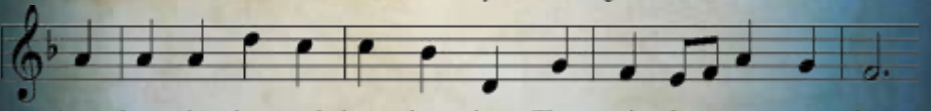
1. Infant holy, infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you.
Christ the Babe was born for you.



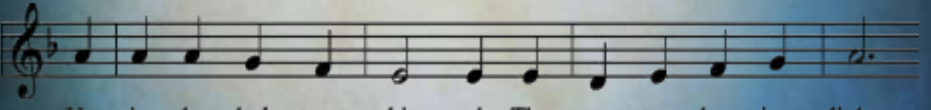
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”



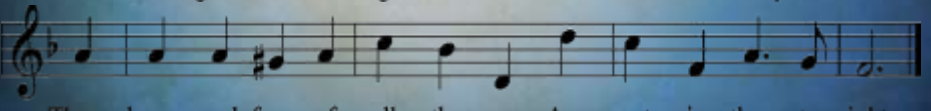
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!



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The first Noel, the angels 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They look-ed 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!

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
Who hath made heav'n and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

He Is Born, the Child Divine

Traditional French carol

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Tr. B. Wayne Bisbee

Traditional French carol

Refrain



He is born, the Child Di - vine; Play the



o - boe, sound the bag - pipes. He is born, the



Child Di - vine; Sing ye all, He is born to - day.



1 Proph - ets from the a - ges past Have fore -
2 Ah! How fair is the Ho - ly Child, And how
3 In a sta - ble was He born; Straw, a
4 King of all for - ev - er - more, Lit - tle



told the Sav - ior's com - ing; We for more than four
per - fect are His grac - es; Ah, how fair is the
lit - tle, for His cra - dle; In a sta - ble
In - fant though Thou art, King of all for -



thou - sand years Have a - wait - ed this joy - ous time.
Ho - ly Child; Oh, how sweet is the Child Di - vine!
was He born; What a lodg - ing for Christ, the Lord!
ev - er - more, Reign in ev - 'ry hu - man heart.

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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 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-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.
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 the in-car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
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!"





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1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - dant



vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heav'n-ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 beams from Thy ho-ly face With the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.



Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the king of angels:

Refrain

Oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy,
Light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley,
1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

"Joy to the World"



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.



Little Lessons

while looking at a manger

The Animals

Job 12:7–9

⁷“But ask the beasts, and they will teach you;
the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you;
⁸or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
⁹Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?”

Joseph and Mary

Matthew 1:20–21

²⁰But 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. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Baby Jesus

Luke 2:7

⁷And 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.

Shepherds

Luke 2:8–9

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

Wise Men

Isaiah 60:3

³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

