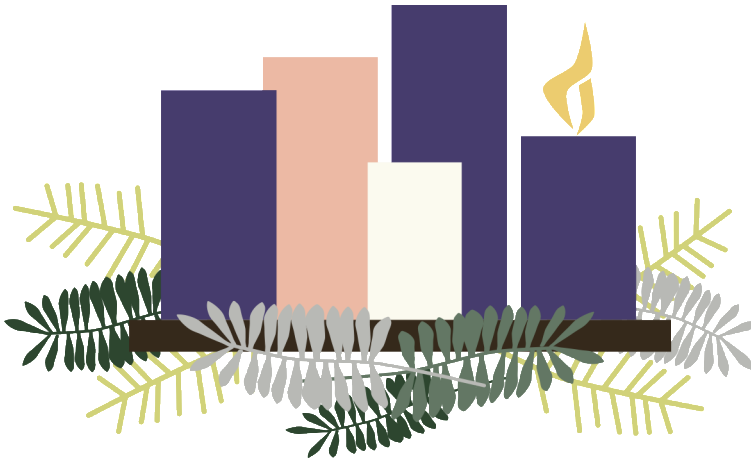


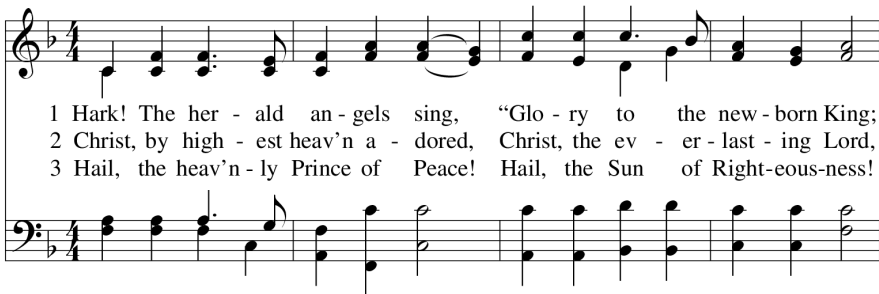
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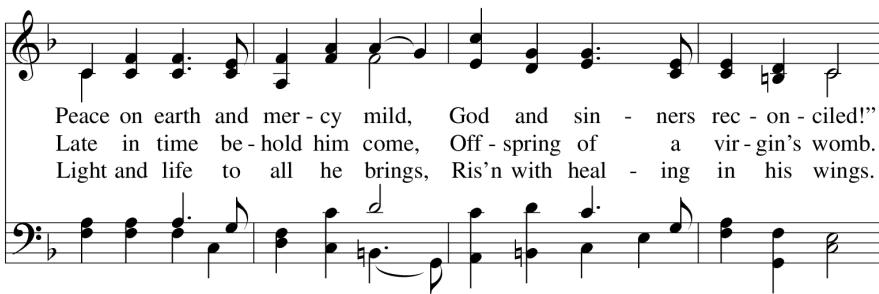


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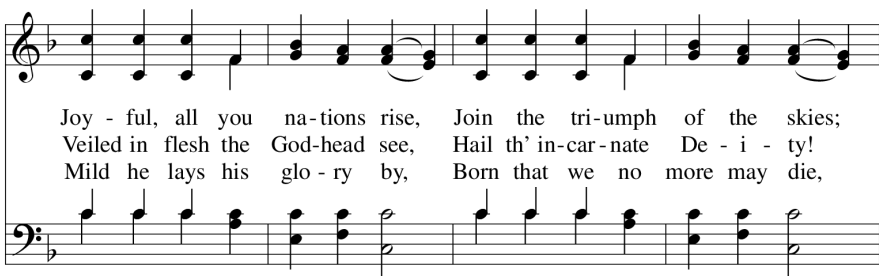
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



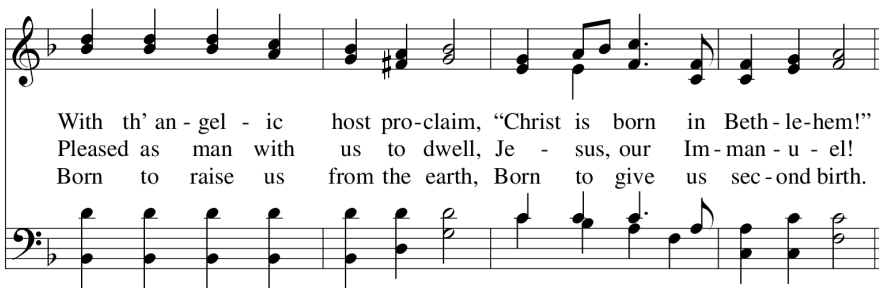
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness!



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.
 Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you 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!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

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

STAND

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Seasonal Response

C: **Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fa - thers most de - sired, What the
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's
 4 Wel - come, O my Sav - ior, now! Joy - ful,

tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 help - er, Ja - cob's Lord — Him of two - fold
 Lord, to you I bow. Come in - to my

us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 race be - hold — Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
 heart, I pray; Oh, pre - pare your - self a way.

5 Crush for me the serpent's head
 That, set free from doubt and dread,
 I may cling to you in faith,
 Safely kept through life and death,

6 And, when you shall come again
 As a glorious king to reign,
 I with joy may see your face,
 Freely ransomed by your grace.

Genesis 3:15 (NIV84)

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

OFFERING**STAND****LORD, HAVE MERCY***Kyrie*

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

M: Thanks be to God.

C: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: Amen.

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 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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



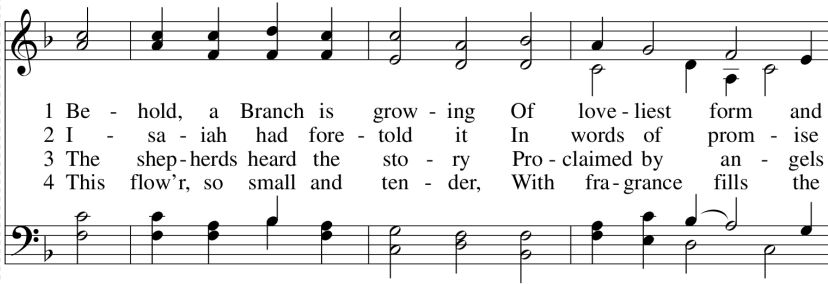
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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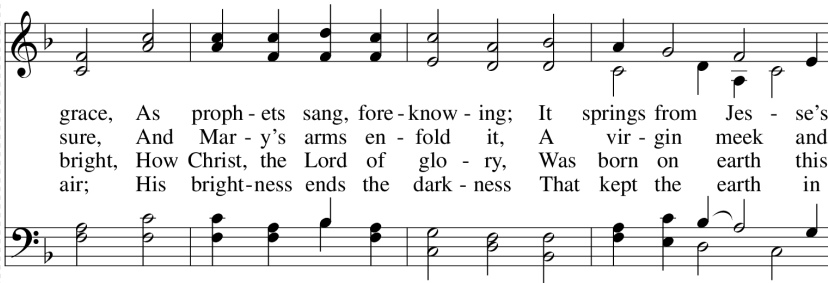
M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Behold, a Branch Is Growing



1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of love - liest form and
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In words of prom - ise
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro - claimed by an - gels
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With fra - grance fills the



grace, As proph - ets sang, fore - know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's
 sure, And Mar - y's arms en - fold it, A vir - gin meek and this
 bright, How Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, Was born on earth in
 air; His bright - ness ends the dark - ness That kept the earth in



race And bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of
 pure. Through God's e - ter - nal will This child to
 night. To Beth - le - hem they sped And in the
 fear. True God and yet true man, He came to



cold - est win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.
 her is giv - en At mid - night calm and still.
 man - ger found him, As an - gel her - alds said.
 save his peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.

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5 O Savior, Child of Mary,
 Who felt our human woes,
 O Savior, King of glory,
 Who conquered all our foes,
 Bring us at last, we pray,
 To the bright courts of heaven
 And to the endless day.

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