Open up the gift of Christmas

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It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
The angels, bending near the earth,
Their wondrous story told
Of peace on earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King;
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

O ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow;
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold;
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And all the world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavn'ly song? [Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

See him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o 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.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;
Glory to God,
Glory in the highest:

[Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be all glory giv’n;
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing:

[Refrain]

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he leaves his throne on high,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

[Refrain]

Come, Desire of nations come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Oh, to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"

[Refrain]

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meekness will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Blest Christmas Morn

Poem by Mary Baker Eddy, Hymn 449

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds
Pursue thy way,
Thy light was born where storm enshrouds
Nor dawn nor day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near,
No cradle song,
No natal hour and mother's tear,
To thee belong.

Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned,
The Bethlehem babe—
Beloved, replete, by flesh embound—
Was but thy shade!

Thou gentle beam of living Love,
And deathless Life!
Truth infinite,—so far above
All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint:
Fill us today
With all thou art—be thou our saint, Our stay, alway.

The First Noel

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.

Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

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.

[Refrain]

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

[Refrain]

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

[Refrain]

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
We are family.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With ev’ry step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

[Repeat]

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
Where'er he comes, his blessings flow,
And hope and joy abound.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love.

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Our musicians

Julia Krempaski *is a recent graduate of Montclair State University's Cali School of Music and is currently teaching at Bayberry Elementary School in Watchung. In 2023 Julia was featured as the treble soloist in the MSU Chorale's performance of Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. She is a soloist and choral section leader at St. James Episcopal Church in Upper Montclair.*

Lisa Rotundi *is the Director of Choirs at Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School. In 2015, she was recognized as a Governor's Educator of the Year and is a leader in the field of music education. She began soloing at our church last year and is a cantor and choral musician in multiple faith communities across northern New Jersey. She is a devoted mother of three children, including Julia, and two step-children.*

Barry Spatz *serves as an accompanist at Montclair State University, collaborating with the theater, dance, and music departments. He is frequently a substitute musician on Broadway with credits such as The Lion King, MJ (both currently), and Funny Girl for which he also conducted. He is an organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Montclair and here in Morristown.*

Christian Leitner*, our engineer, holds a degree in sound engineering and jazz from William Paterson University and works at Sound on Sound Studios in Montclair. He heads up our church's A/V team and has built and installed our sound and livestreaming system.*

Special thanks to Gwen Eagleton, our music coordinator, for selecting today's carols and solos and working with our musicians to prepare for this event.

You're always welcome

Our church offers Sunday services at 10:30 am and Sunday School for children and teens at the same time. We also hold Wednesday evening testimony meetings at 7:30 pm and our doors will be open on Christmas Eve. Our services and events, including inspirational talks, are available on Zoom.

Our Reading Room features Bibles and related books and magazines, including the writings of Mary Baker Eddy who founded Christian Science. We're offering a collection of articles on Christmas and a new book on spiritual healing in our Reading Room today. We will soon be launching a website for our Reading Room focused on inspiration and healing and highlighting publications that can be found at ***jsh.christianscience.com***

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