

PRELUDE

Puer natus est
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Noël étranger

Everett Titcomb
arr. David Burroughs
Louis-Claude Daquin

CAROL

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825
Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon-der shines the in - fant light:
Seek the great de - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:
Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One:

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new - born King!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes four stanzas of lyrics, with the first three stanzas being the original by James Montgomery and the fourth stanza being an addition by Henry Thomas Smart. The piano accompaniment is a simple, harmonic setting of the melody.

WELCOME

Rev. Jeff Knol

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade (c. 1740–1743)
Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

John Francis Wade (c. 1740–1743)
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
*3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -
dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

*Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

French carol

Trans. James Chadwick (1813–1882); alt.

French carol

Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

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 heaven - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

CAROL

Away in a Manger

Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, c. 1885
Stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892

Attr. James R. Murray, 1887
Harm. John Weaver, 1986

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

Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn-ing is nigh.
 Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Rev. Jeff Knol

CAROL

The First Noel

1. The first No - el, the an-gel did say, Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the east, be-
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our

fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a
 vond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And
 heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And

Refrain
 cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 No - el, No - el, No -
 with His blood man - kind hath bought.

el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

TEXT: Traditional English carol
 MUSIC: W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833; arranged by John Stainer

THE FIRST NOEL
 Irregular meter

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Little Town
Sam Prince, soloist

Bob Chilcott

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND 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 forgive
our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

CAROL

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,



And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
And heaven and na - ture sing,



And
sing, And heaven, and heaven 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.

heaven and na - ture sing,

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy 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;
Heavenly 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!**

POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships

David Lasky