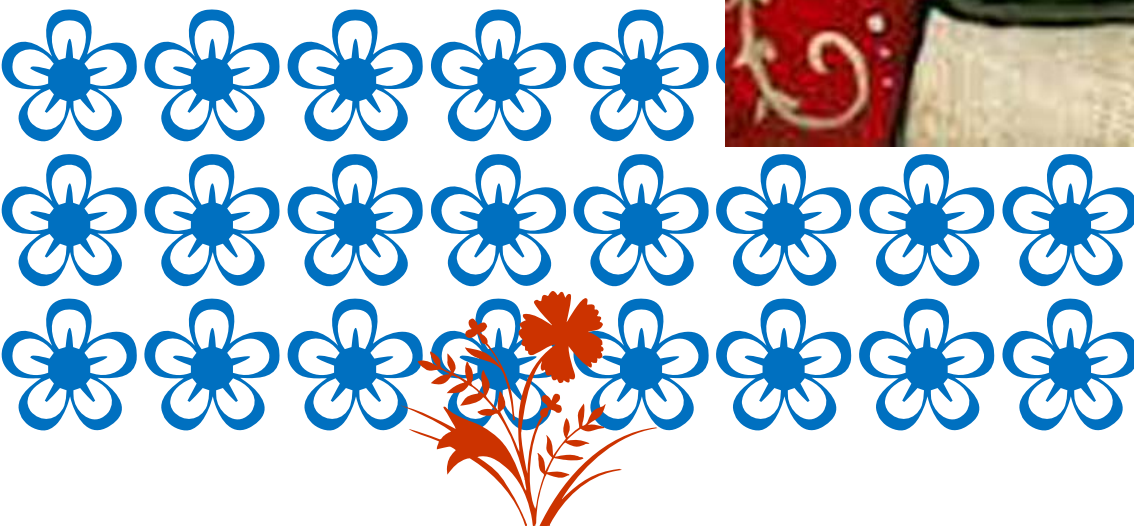


# St. Lucia Day Service

*Though long  
may be the night.  
Hope,  
she is bringing.*



DECEMBER 13, 2019



# St. Lucia Day Service

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

P May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's coming, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

O COME,  
ALL YE FAITHFUL  
ELW 283

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to the God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*  
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!



## OPENING PRAYER

P Almighty God, at night in the land of Bethlehem, you made the night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth, we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence. By your grace, adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*see insert*

PREPARE THE  
ROYAL HIGHWAY  
ELW 264

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

## SHORT NARRATIVE OF ST. LUCIA

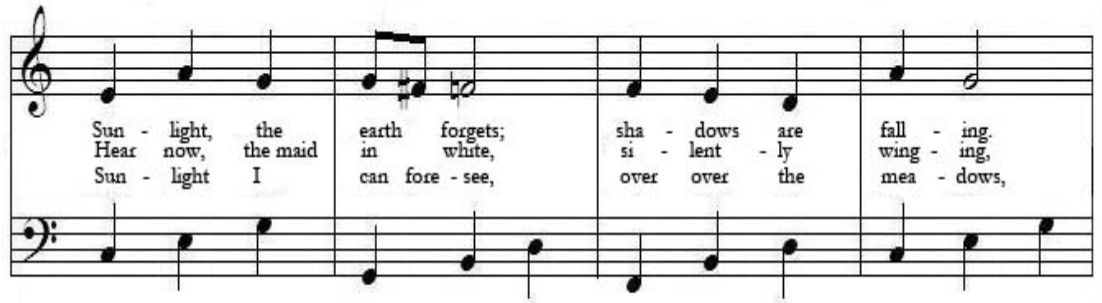
### PRAYER OF ST. LUCIA

P Let us pray.  
Loving God, for the salvation of all you gave Jesus Christ as light to the world in darkness: Illumine us, with the example of our dear Lucy, with the light of Christ, that by the merits of his passion we may be led to eternal life; through the same. By Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# SANCTA LUCIA



Night comes with hea - vy steps through our land, call - ing  
Though long may be the night, hope, she bring - ing,  
The dark - ness soon shall flee val - leys in sha - dow,



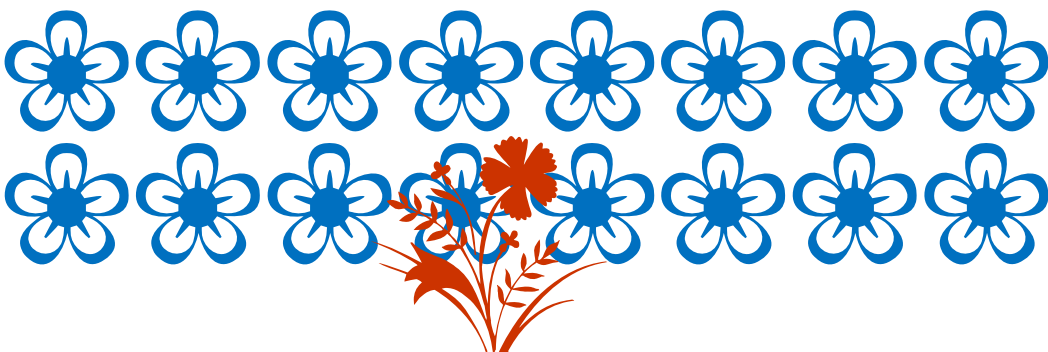
Sun - light, the earth forgets; sha - dows are fall - ing  
Hear now, the maid in white, si - lent - ly wing - ing,  
Sun - light I can fore - see, over over the mea - dows,



How ev - er dark the night, ris ing with candles bright,  
Hushed won - der in the air, Lights glow - ing in her hair,  
The sun will come a - gain! Rise in the sky to reign!



San ta Lu ci a San ta Lu ci a  
San ta Lu ci a San ta Lu ci a  
San ta Lu ci a San ta Lu ci a



## BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

P Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the baby lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in the Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purpose of God from the callings of Israel unto the glorious redemption brought us by his holy birth.

C **Yet, let us first pray for the needs of this whole world.**

P Let us pray.

For peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the church. Let us remember in his name all the poor and helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.**

## READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5

## PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

<sup>1</sup>Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,  
saith your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,  
that her warfare is accomplished,  
that her iniquity is pardoned:  
for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Prepare ye the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:  
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together:  
for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

O COME, O COME,  
EMMANUEL  
ELW 257

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

*Refrain*  
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come, 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home; O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
make safe the way that leads on high, refresh the hearts that long for you;  
and close the path to misery. restore the broken, make us new.

*Refrain* *Refrain*

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
O Sun of justice, now draw near and ransom captive Israel,  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, that mourns in lonely exile here  
and death's dark shadow put to flight. until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain* *Refrain*

READING: ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

A CHILD IS BORN

<sup>2</sup>The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

<sup>6</sup>For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

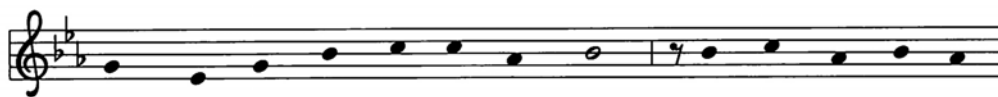
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,

The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -  
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in  
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all  
4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,  
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child  
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.  
of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.  
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

CREATOR OF THE  
STARS OF NIGHT  
ELW 245

#### READING: LUKE 1:26-35, 37-38

#### MARY HEARS THE ANGEL

<sup>26</sup>And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. <sup>29</sup>And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. <sup>32</sup>He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: <sup>33</sup>And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. <sup>34</sup>Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? <sup>35</sup>And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. <sup>37</sup>For with God nothing shall be impossible. <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

#### MAGNIFICAT

P In the words of Mary, let us proclaim our joy in the coming of Christ.

C **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy. The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE ANGEL  
GABRIEL FROM  
HEAVEN CAME  
ELW 265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
Glo - ri - a!

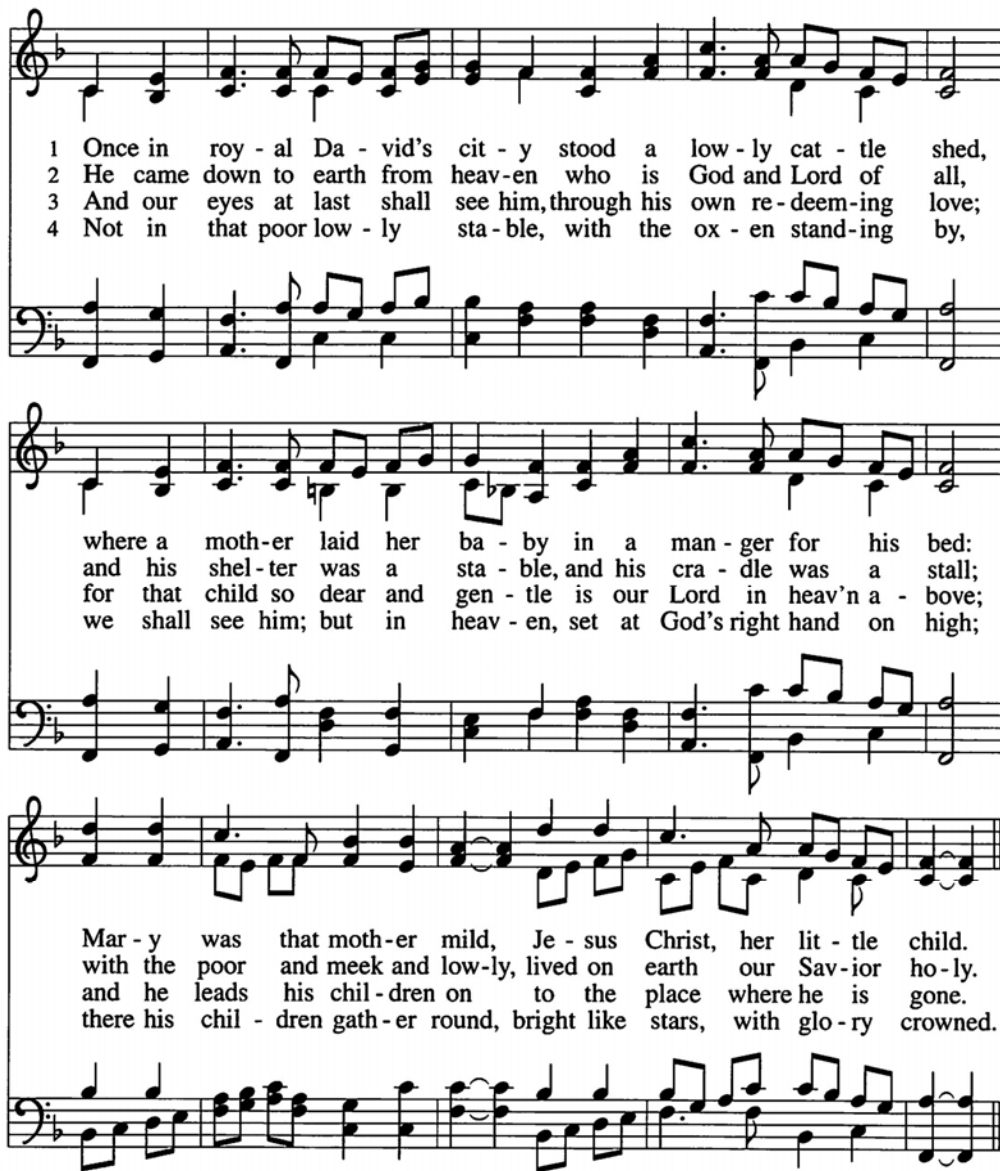
**READING: LUKE 2:1, 3-7**

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

<sup>3</sup>And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) <sup>5</sup>to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6</sup>And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM**

ONCE IN ROYAL  
DAVID'S CITY  
ELW 269



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;  
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

READING LUKE 2:8-20

SHEPHERDS

<sup>8</sup>And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. <sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup>And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup>But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

HARK! THE  
HERALD ANGELS  
SING  
ELW 270



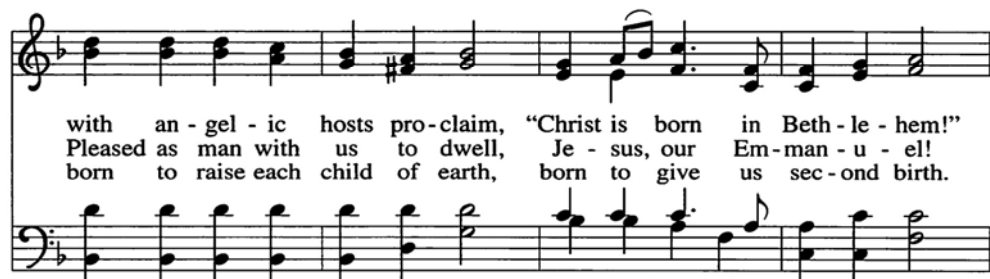
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



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.



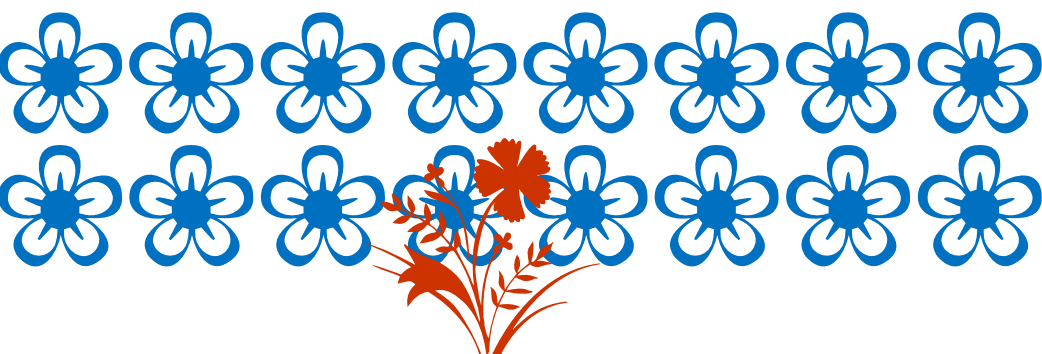
Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"



## READING OF THE GOSPEL



## GOSPEL OF THE DAY: JOHN 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18

- <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God.  
<sup>3</sup>All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.  
<sup>4</sup>In him was life; and the life was the light of men.  
<sup>5</sup>And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.  
<sup>9</sup>That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.  
<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.  
<sup>11</sup>He came unto his own, and his own received him not.  
<sup>12</sup>But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:  
<sup>13</sup>Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.  
<sup>14</sup>And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,  
(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father),  
full of grace and truth.  
<sup>16</sup>And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.  
<sup>17</sup>For the law was given by Moses,  
but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.  
<sup>18</sup>No man hath seen God at any time,  
the only begotten Son,  
which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

REJOICE,  
REJOICE, BELIEVERS  
ELW 244

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

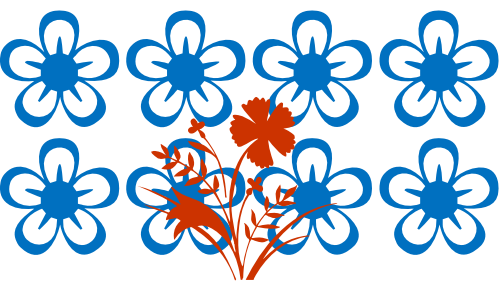
The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Remember the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Thanks Be to God



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