



Kensington Presbyterian Church

Singing the Story

December 24, 2022

WELCOME, to worship. We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship in person (with singing), as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF.¹ If this is how you are worshipping, know that you are not alone... and if you like, you can invite those who live with you to join you, or connect with others through the phone or outside.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca)



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¹ note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.

Announcements

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Christmas Morning: Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10:30 a.m.

A fun worship for Jesus' birthday.

Community Meals: 9 meals have been organized between Dec 23 and Jan 1. Contact ndgcc@ndg.ca or 514-484-1471 for more info.

Christmas Devotions: There really are 12 days to Christmas. If you didn't add an advent practice this year, consider one for the 12 days of Christmas. You could try the print Devotional (also downloadable). Another interesting one is from Biola University: ccca.biola.edu/advent

Jesus & Java: Join us as we share the joys and questions of faith. We won't meet (officially) on Dec 29.

Advent Discussions: The Rev. Bob Faris, moderator of the General Assembly, will be hosting discussions with church leaders of other denominations through advent. For more information visit: presbyterian.ca/2022/11/01/ecumenical-advent

Drop Box: We are accepting food donations to help the St. Monica's Food Pantry, AND items to help the young parents program at Head & Hands (ex. clothing, diapers, toys).

The Chosen Bible Study: Season 3 is coming mid January This is a great TV show about the disciples as they discover and follow Jesus. We watch an episode and share our insights and explore the history and actual scripture.

In preparation, we're going to be binge watching on Saturdays

Season 1: Dec 31 3pm first 4 episodes, 7pm last 4

Season 2: Jan 6 3pm first 4 episodes, 7pm last 4

P.S. would you be more interested in Thursday or Friday night?



Approaching God

🗣️ Call to worship & candle lighting

We are Christmas people.

We have heard the good news that a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us, and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We have seen God kindle hope, peace, joy and love in our lives and in our world.

The centre candle in our Advent wreath is the Christ candle.
From this light, all good gifts come.

We light this candle remembering the One who is the Light of the world.

🕯️ (Light the Christ candle)

🧎 Let us pray:

Holy One, you sent your son as a baby born in Bethlehem.

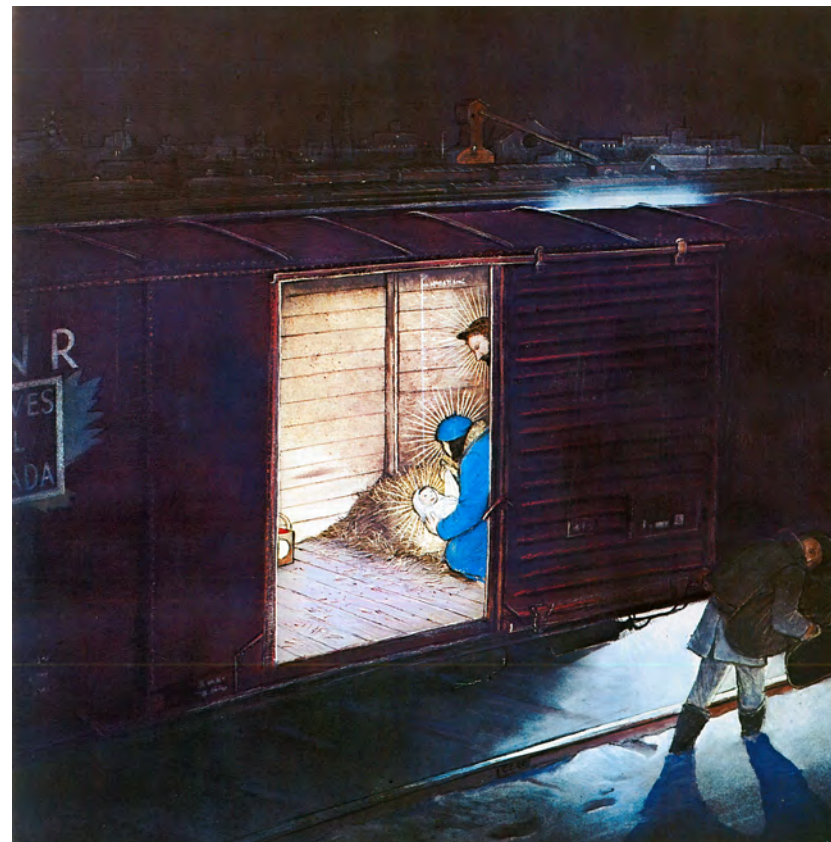
**Give us a strong sense of his birth among us,
so that our lives reflect the warmth
and wonder of this Christmas flame.**

**Make your church a place that shines with the wonder of
your love.**

Amen.²

🎵 Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful.....pg 8 (159)

² from the Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)



W. Kurelek

🧎 Prayer of Confession

I don't know how you feel about the prayer of confession. Some people feel it's a moment to make you feel guilty. But that's not it at all; the prayer of confession is an invitation. It's an opportunity to say, "This is who I've been, and this is who I long to be."

So let us pray together: truthfully and honestly before God - and remembering that we are surrounded by a God who delights in us.

Friends, let us pray:

Holy God,
We admit—we don't fully understand the Christmas story.
We have not experienced a sky full of angels singing.
We have not walked miles to be counted in a census,
and we don't always hear your voice in our dreams.
We don't fully understand the impact of this story

Forgive us for:
forgetting that all creation celebrates you,
and we stop noticing...
forgetting that you were born a helpless baby
and not trusting you to look after us
forgetting that you came homeless
and not being content with the basics...
forgetting that you included those no-one else would invite
people we still look past...
forgetting that your coming shows love and sacrifice for us
and we are at a loss of how to share this...
Please forgive us.

Plant this story of love so deep in our DNA that we cannot help
but share it from generation to generation.
Amen.³

✦ Assurance of Pardon
Friends, repeat after me:
No matter where we go,
No matter where we go,
No matter what we say,
No matter what we say,
No matter what we do,
No matter what we do,

³ parts by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

We are held.
We are held.
We are loved.
We are loved.
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Amen!
Amen!⁴



Listening to God

✦ Intro to the readings
Tonight we'll be following the pattern of a Lesson & Carols service. As we go through the Christmas story, think about what's going on - and feel the story.

How does God snuggle up to you this year? Do you find comfort? a sense of relationship? Hope?

Breathe in the story.

Prophecy

Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you are human like us, and yet not like us. You are amazing.

That you can look at people and see beyond what we see.
That you hear what is in the heart. That you judge not with vengeance, but with reconciliation and love. That through you, the miracle of peace will come.

Help us to be like you.
and to look for your Spirit, active in the world. Amen.

⁴ by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

♪ Hymn: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.....pg. 9 (148)



Joseph and Baby Jesus - Jason Jenick

Human Connections

Reading: Matthew 1:1-17 [use Good News]

Prayer:

Thank you that Jesus was fully God and fully human.
This is a mystery we don't understand, but do appreciate.
Thank you for this list of Jesus' ancestors, his family. That it reminds us of Jesus' humanity. He didn't come out of nowhere.

And thank you for those in the list. That they are not all famous or perfect - that you value ordinary people like us.

Amen.

♪ Hymn: The hands that first held.....pg. 10 (158)

Do not be afraid

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Prayer:

Thank you for Mary. That she was just a regular person.
That when she heard your request, she asked questions - not because she doubted, but because she wanted to know 'how this could be'.

That you recognize the fear in us when you ask us to do something. Thank you that while you often ask us for things that challenge our ideas and dreams, or even sacrifice them.
Thank you that you stick with us, and that they can make the world a better place.

Thank you for Mary, and involving us.

Amen.

♪ Hymn: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came.....pg. 10 (156)

Choices

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Prayer:

Jesus, you know what it's like to make choices. To choose safety & comfort; to choose what we know... or not.

Thank you for Joseph; that he chose to take the risk in joining in your movement to change the world. Help us to be brave to take the risks in making this a better world.

Amen.

♪ Hymn: Long ago, Prophets Knew.....pg. 11 (121)

Recognition

Reading: Luke 1:39-45

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you people like Elizabeth. People we can go to when we're unsettled; when our lives are in turmoil.

And thank you for people who can recognize your Spirit growing in us - who name it, and encourage us.

Lord, please help us to accept you growing in our lives; to see you in others, and to be able to encourage them in what we see. Amen.

♪ Hymn: My soul cries out.....pg.12



The Birth - Te tamari no atua - Paul Gauguin 1896

Grounded

Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Prayer:

Lord, sometimes it's you that intrudes in our lives, and sometimes it's others - like when the government told Joseph to take his family to Bethlehem. We know, and you know, what that is like.

We thank you for this story of Jesus' birth - for where he was born. While there's a palace and a king in the story, Jesus is not born there. Instead you come to the people, as one of

them - as one of us.

Help us not to put you on a pedestal, but to place you within our communities.

Amen.

♪ Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem.....pg 13 (165)

Who?

Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Prayer:

Lord of the universe, sometimes we forget the scope of your work - that you don't forget anyone. That the people you chose to invite to witness the arrival of the Son of God where shepherds - and not even the day shift.

Help us to invite all people to experience your love, even those that society pushes to the margins.

Help us to feel the excitement of the shepherds, and to tell others what we find in you.

Amen.

♪ Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High.....pg 14 (147)

Gifts

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer:

Wow, Jesus, your story is bazaar. You aren't born into royalty, but an ordinary family - who is away from home and family. Instead of inviting the priests and experts, you invite the people that no-one wants to be. Now it's Magi, priests from another religion, who come to recognize what a gift you are.

They honour you with their time, and gifts.

Please help us to honour you as well with how we live our lives, use the power we have, and give our talents - our gifts.

Amen.

♪ Hymn: We three kings.....pg 15 (173)



F Peter - Gods hope

Prophecy

Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6

Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Sometimes we feel that our energy, our lives, have dried up. Sometimes we look at the world and wonder at all that is sucking the life and goodness from it.

Jesus, we look forward to you coming again.

To the dry land blooming and rejoicing.

To all creation singing together with joy.

To healing coming to bodies, hearts, and relationships.

We look forward to your love breaking forth in all the wildernesses - and the blessing of your waters.

Amen.

♪ Hymn: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly.....pg 13 (143)



Responding to God

FaithTalk

Hopefully you will have much time to talk with people over the 12 days of Christmas. Once you've talked about the past year and the weather, try these questions. Answer the ones that feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Memories: What's your favourite Christmas tradition?

Etching: Share a favourite Christmas memory.

Values: What's your favourite Christmas Carol?

Wonder: What about the Christmas stories cause you to wonder?

What about them do you find wonderful?

Value: Why do we tell the Christmas story every year? Why is it important?

Actions: Take some time to feel peace in this season.

Prayer: ...take time in prayer to 'meditate' on God coming as baby Jesus.

✧ Spirit Sightings

One of the great Spirit sightings for me this year has been the groups that have spring up here at Kensington. There was the group that watched The Chosen back in the spring, and the Jesus

& Java group which started in the summer.

What is so wonderful to see is the way people in the groups are reflecting on God's involvement in their lives, and in the world. They share the questions, the challenges and the joys.

This is the Spirit of the world birthing Jesus into our lives.
(and all are welcome).

✧ Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website**. Just click the '**Donate Now**' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow.

You can now donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is info@kensingtonchurch.ca.

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.



Adoration of the Shepherds - Gerard van Honthorst



The Lord's Prayer (please use a version you are comfortable with)
Another way we respond to God is through trying to live the prayer that Jesus left us. Let us say together The Lord's prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
Amen.**

♪ Hymn: Joy to the World.....pg 16 (153)



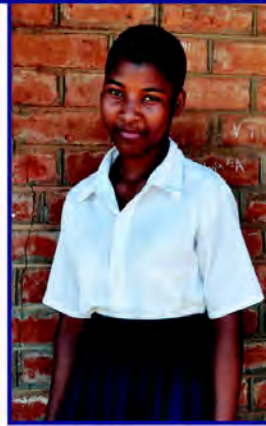
Sending & BenedictionPeter

*As you leave this place, may you go knowing that
from generation to generation,
we have been claimed and loved.
From generation to generation,
God has been by our side.
From generation to generation,
we are not alone.*

*The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow
knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth,
saying, "Go be the person you are called to be,
love wildly, do justice, and come back soon."
Amen.⁵*

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In Malawi, 13-year-old Selia was raised by her single mother after her father passed away. Her mother sold tomatoes to support Selia and her five siblings. When Selia was in grade nine, her mother's business no longer generated enough income to support the family. At the time, **Selia was attending the Neno Girls Secondary School, where Presbyterian World Service & Development provides bursary support for girls from low-income families.** The bursary allowed Selia to stay in school and successfully complete her studies. The benefits of education for girls extend not only to them individually, but also to their future families.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day) We thank God for the gift of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who brings salvation. May we receive God's blessings through our Christmas worship as we share the Nativity Story with those around us.

Monday, December 26 (Boxing Day) For Christ, there was no room in the inn; we pray for those who seek shelter. Christ had to flee his birthplace; we pray for those who seek refuge. Christ read scripture as a child; we pray that God's wisdom will enlighten our minds and direct our paths.

Tuesday, December 27 We give thanks for the tuition support the church is providing to students at the Neno Girls Secondary School in Malawi through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Wednesday, December 28 We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

Thursday, December 29 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Faris, Moderator of the 2022 General Assembly, as he connects with members of the church this coming year.

Friday, December 30 We give thanks to God for the ability to learn from our past and those who have come before us in order to better our future for all those who will come after.

Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) We end the year in praise for God's loving kindness and care, and we pray for peace in the world.

Oh come, all ye faithful

Oh come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; oh
 1. Oh come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; oh
 2. God of God, Light of light,
 3. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 4. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;
 5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, oh come ye to Beth - le - hem.
 born un - to Ma - ry, the vir - gin blest,
 leav - ing their flocks draw nigh with ho - ly fear;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove:
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:
 ve - ry God, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed:
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps:
 "Glo - ry to God in the high - est!"
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

It came upon the midnight clear



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with
 3. But with the woes of sin and strife, the
 4. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose
 5. For lo! the days are has - tening on, by



"To all the earth good - will and peace, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 but we, through din of war, hear not the
 look now! for glad and gold - en hours come
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth God's




glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the an - gel
 forms are bend - ing low, who toil a - long the
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -



heaven's all - gra - cious King"; the world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 love - song which they bring. Oh hush the noise, Oh
 swift - ly on the wing. Oh rest be - side the
 pro - mised splen - dours fling, and all the world take



near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 strain have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong,
 climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 still the strife and hear the an - gels sing.
 wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
 up the song, which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876), alt Music: Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

The hands that first held Mary's child

NOEL 8 6 8 6 D C M D

F C F (Gm/Bb) C7/G F C /Bb F/A F Bb/D Bb F

1. The hands that first held Ma-ry's Child were hard from work-ing wood,
 2. When Jo-seph mar-veled at the size of that small breath-ing frame,
 3. "This Child shall be Em-man-u-el, not God up-on the throne
 4. The tools which Jo-seph laid a-side a mob would lat-er lift

C Dm Bb F C F Dm F/A /C C7 F

from boards they sawed and planed and filed and splin-ters they with-stood.
 and gazed up-on those bright new eyes and spoke the In-fant's name,
 but God with us, Em-man-u-el, as close as blood and bone."
 and use with an-ger, fear and pride to cru-ci-fy God's gift.

Dm E° Dm/F Gm6 A7 Dm (A7/D Dm) Dm6 C/E Dm C/G G7 C

This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no i-ron nail,
 the an-gel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heav-en's height,
 The ti-ny form in Jo-seph's palms con-firmed what he had heard,
 Let us, O Lord, not on-ly hold the Child who's born to-day,

F/A C7 D7 (Gm6/D) Gm6 F/A C Dm F/A F/C C7 F

but cra-dled from the head to heel our Lord, new-born and frail.
 and, like the host of stars that beamed, blest earth with wel-come light.
 and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heav-en's hu-man word.
 but, charged with faith, may we be bold to fol-low in his way.

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The angel Gabriel from heaven

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE 10 10 12 10

Gm Cm6/G Gm Cm6/G D7/G /F#

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

Gm Cm6/G Gm (Cm6) /Bb Dmsus4-3 Gm

his wings as drift-ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen-er-a-tions praise con-tin-ual-ly,
 "To me be as it pleas-es God," she said,
 in Beth-le-hem, all on a Christ-mas morn,

Bb (F7/A) Bb (F7/C) Bb/D (Cm6) Bb Cm/Eb C7/E Fsus2-1

"All hail," said he, "O low-ly maid-en Ma-ry,"
 your 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:

(Bb/D) Cm/Eb D7sus4-3 Eb Cm7 Gm/Bb Dmsus4-3 Gm

most high-ly fa-voured la-dy: Glo-ri-a!

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Long ago, prophets knew

THEODORIC (PERSONENT HODIE) 6 6 6 6 with refrain

Em /C# Bm/D Bm

1. Long a - go,
2. God in time,
3. Ma - ry, hail!
4. Jour - ney ends!

D/F# D G /F# Em /D A/C# (Em/B) F#m/A D/F# G /B

pro - phets knew Christ would come, born a Jew,
God in man, this is God's time - less plan:
Though a - fraid, she be - lieved; she o - beyed.
Where a - far Beth - lehem shines, like a star,

D G D/F# D A/C# Bm Em9 /C# F#m A F#m Bm

come to make all things new, bear all peo - ple's
he will come as a man, born him - self of
In her womb, God is laid till the time ex -
sta - ble door stands a - jar: un - born son of

Em /D /C# /B F#m/A G F#m Bm A /G /F# /E

bur - den, free - ly love and par - don.
wom - an, God di - vine - ly hu - man.
pect - ed, nur - tured and pro - tect - ed.
Ma - ry, Sav - iour do not tar - ry!

D Refrain Em/D

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

D Em/D D Bm E

When he comes, when he comes, who will make him wel - come?
(last verse) we will make him wel - come!

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69 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

LUKE 1:46-55

1 My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the God of my
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great—
 3 From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a stone will be
 4 Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-mem-ber who

heart is great, and my spir-it sings of the won-drous
 things in me, and your mer-cy will last from the depths of the
 left on stone. Let the king be-ware for your jus-tice—
 holds us fast: God's mer-cy must de-liv-er

things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your
 past to the end of the age to be. Your ver-y
 tears ev-ery ty-rant from his throne. The hun-gry
 us from the con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp. This sav-ing

sight on your ser-vant's plight, and my weak-ness you
 name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would
 poor shall weep no more for the food they can
 word that our fore-bears heard is the prom-ise which

did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 nev-er earn; there are ta-bles spread, ev-ery
 holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a-bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a-bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a-bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a-round.

Refrain G D
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

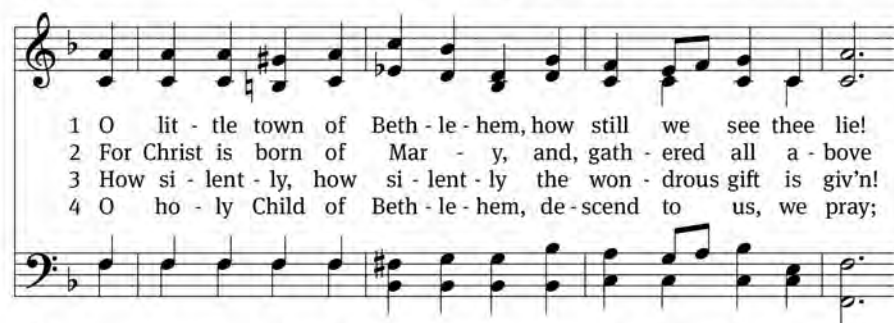
fires of your jus-tice burn. Wipe a-way all tears, for the

dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

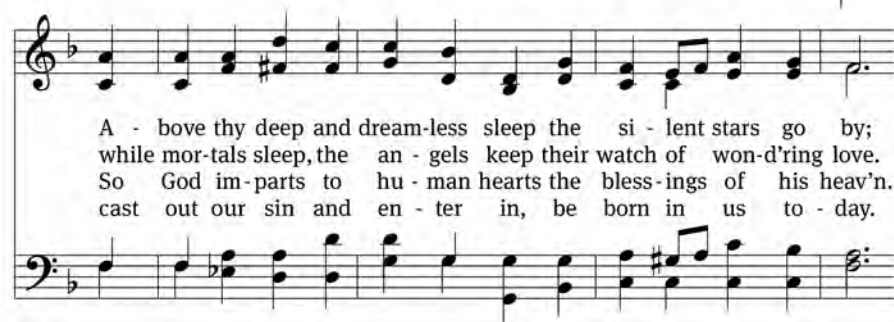
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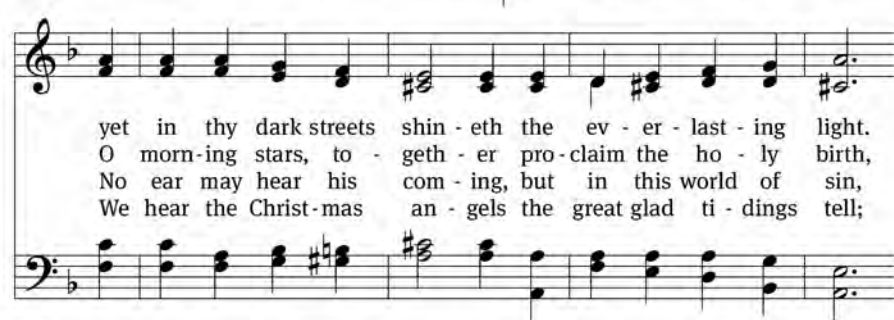
O Little Town of Bethlehem



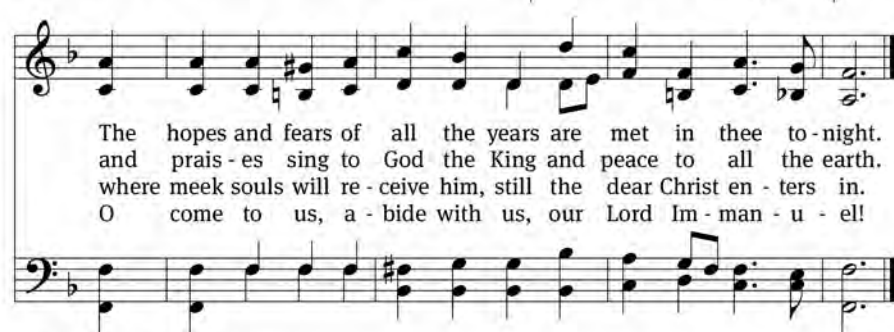
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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.
 So God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless-ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



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,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



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.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1875-1893, abr., alt.

ST. LOUIS

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 Kensington Presbyterian Church

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
 2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il 'til the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing;
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Polish carol
 Paraphrased by Edith M. G. Reed, ca. 1925

W ZLOBIE LEZY 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.7.
 Traditional Polish melody
 Arr. in *The Kingsway Carol Book*, 1946

Angels we have heard on high

IRIS (GLORIA) 7 7 7 7 with refrain (9 9)

I
F F/A C7/G F Dm^{vi} Am Gmsus C7 F

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 Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

V
C G7/D C/E Dm C F Gm F/A /Bb C F

ri - a (1st) in ex - cel - sis De - o. o.
 (2nd) in ex - cel - sis De - o.

ri - a

I
F Dm Am/C Dm7 C7/E F (F/C /A) Gmsus C7 F

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.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Intro **I** **VI** **ii** **V** **I** **7b**
 Refrain F Cm/Eb D Gm C/E F Bb/D (Dm)

Glo

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1. Les anges dans nos campagnes
 ont entonné l'hymne des cieux,
 et l'écho de nos montagnes
 redit ce chant mélodieux.
 Refrain
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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2. Bergers, pour qui cette fête?
 Quel est l'objet de tous ces chants?
 Quel vainqueur ou quel prophète
 méritent ces chœurs triomphants?
 Refrain
3. Ils annoncent la naissance
 du libérateur d'Israël
 et pleins de reconnaissance
 chantent en ce jour solennel:
 Refrain

We three kings

KINGS OF ORIENT 8 8 6 with refrain

Em B 7 Em

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

B 7 Em D

gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh, prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom, sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and sac - ri - fice: hal - le - lu - jah,

G G/B G Am Fm/B B7 Em

moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ping God on high.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 hal - le - lu - jah, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain D D7 G C G C G

O star of won - der, star of light, star of roy - al beau - ty bright,
 west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

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Joy to the world

ANTIOCH 8 6 8 6 CM with repeat

Chords: D A7/E D/F# Em/G D/A A 7 D D/F# G Em

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour 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

Chords: A 7 D (G/D D) (G/D D)

ceive its King; let eve - ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

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Chords: /F# Em/G A

room and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven 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 -

Tenor and bass v.1 And heaven and na-ture sing (Bass), and

Chords: A7/C# A7 /G D/F# (aug) G A Bm Em/G D/A A 7 D

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 (Similarly for vv 2, 3 & 4)