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Christmas Day

Christmas in Jammies

10:30 A.M.



WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF JESUS

Welcome - Happy Birthday to Baby Jesus!

Carol: Voices United #35 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice "

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,

and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

- 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Words: Latin, 14th century, trans. John Mason Neale 1853, alt.
Music: German melody, harm. Gary Alan Smith 19088
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Sharing Personal Christmas Stories

Carol: Voices United #38 "Angels we Have Heard on High"

- 1 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!
- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

4 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: Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Words: French trad., trans. James Chadwick 1860

Music: French carol melody, arr. Edward Shippen Barnes 1937

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Carol: Voices United #75

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

2 'Fear not,' said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
'glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind.

3 'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

4 'The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
and in a manger laid.'

5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

6 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace!
Good will to all from highest heaven
begin, and never cease.'

Words: Nahum Tate 1700, alt.

Music: adapt. From Este's Whole Booke of Psalmes 1592

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Sharing Personal Christmas Stories

Carol: Voices United #69

"Away in a Manger"

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Words: author unknown

Music: William James Kirkpatrick, arr. Desmond Hassell 1992

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A CHRISTMAS STORY – “Pippin the Christmas Pig”

by Jean Little and Werner Zimmermann

Carol: Voices United #59

“Joy to the World”

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts 1719, alt.

Music: attrib. George Frideric Handel 1742

arr. Lowell Mason 1836 Public Domain

The Prayer of Jesus (All): *(From the New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is Heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your Heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and
come on Earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY...

Carol: Voices United #43

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Refrain: *Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Refrain: *Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth!

Refrain: *Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain: *Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

Words: John Wesley Work II 1907

Music: African – American spiritual 19th century, arr. United Reform Church (U.K.)

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VIBE (Book Study) – Wednesday evenings VIA ZOOM

Sunday, January 1, 2023 – Happy New Year!!

Service will be Virtual - No Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, January 8, 2023 – Service 10:30am., Leader, Rev. Takouhi

We will celebrate Baptism of Our Lord & Renew Our Baptismal Vows