



Children's Christmas Service Dec. 17, 2023

367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

CONGREGATION

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain

REFRAIN ALL: Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

WOMEN (All Ages)

- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light.

REFRAIN ALL: Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

MEN (All Ages)

- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star.

REFRAIN ALL: Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

CONGREGATION

- 4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. Refrain

REFRAIN ALL: Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

CONGREGATION

- △ 5 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the_ eternal Three in One.

REFRAIN ALL: Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Responsive Reading

P The Lord is come!

C Joy to the world!

P The Savior reigns.

C Joy to the world!

P Let earth receive her King!

C Joy to the world!

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1 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**

2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

ref O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: **Refrain**

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

Reading

Luke 1:26-27, 30-32

Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David...



933 My Soul Rejoices

1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior
Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing,
Join in confessing
God, who is solely
Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely
Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters,
Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted;
The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry;
Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token
All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring
God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

The Message Presented by the Children: Grades K-1

Children: The Lord is come!

People: Joy to the world!

KIDS TO SING

VERSE 1: 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,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Reading

Luke 2:8-15

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."



380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- 1 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 the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” **Refrain**
- 2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! **Refrain**
- 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. **Refrain**

Refrain Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

The Message Presented by the Children: Grades 2-3

Children: The Lord is come!

People: Joy to the world!

KIDS TO SING

VERSE 2: Joy to the World



Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

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| <p>1 Of the Father's love begotten
 Ere the worlds began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega,
 He the source, the ending He,
 Of the things that are, that have been,
 And that future years shall see
 Evermore and evermore.</p> | <p>3 This is He whom seers in old time
 Chanted of with one accord,
 Whom the voices of the prophets
 Promised in their faithful word.
 Now He shines, the long-expected;
 Let creation praise its Lord
 Evermore and evermore.</p> |
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The Message Presented by the Children: Grades 4

Children: The Lord is come!
People: Joy to the world!

KIDS TO SING

VERSE 3: Joy to the World



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.

The Message Presented by All the Children

Children: The Lord is come!
People: Joy to the world!



He rules the world 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.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING / Instrumental Ensemble

Leader: The Lord is come!

Children: Joy! Joy!

People: Joy to the world!

Leader: The Savior reigns.

Children: Joy! Joy!

People: Joy to the world!

Leader: He comes to make His
 blessings flow.

Children: Joy! Joy!

People: Joy to the world!

Leader: He rules the world with truth
 and grace.

Children: Joy! Joy!

People: Joy to the world!

Leader: Let earth receive her King!

Children: Joy! Joy!

People: Joy to the world!

Pastor: We pray,

ALL: Father in heaven, thank You for sending us Your Son and our Savior,
 Jesus. He gives us joy in His presence. He gives us joy in His
 salvation. He gives us joy in His peace. He gives us joy in His promise
 to come again. In his name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

349 Hark the Glad Sound

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| 1 | Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song. | 3 | He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor. |
| 2 | He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield. | 4 | Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name. |

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