

WORSHIP RESOURCE

December 19, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP SONGS

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739 | Music by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son 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.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Words by Phillips Brooks, 1868 / Music by Lewis H. Redner, 1868

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see Thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

Traditional English Carol | English Melody, 16th Century

What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are
keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and
angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for
you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant king, to own
him; the King of kings, salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone
him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

THE FIRST NOEL

Traditional English Carol, 1833

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star, shining in the East
beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continues both day and night.

Then let us all in one accord sing praises to
our heav'nly Lord, that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
and with his blood mankind hath bought.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 24; Genesis 3:8-15; Revelation 12:1-10; John 3:16-21

MONDAY | Ps. 40; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Titus 1:1-16; Luke 1:1-25

TUESDAY | Ps. 33; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Titus 2:1-10; Luke 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 50; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Titus 2:11-3:8; Luke 1:39-56

THURSDAY | Ps. 18; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Galatians 3:1-14; Luke 1:57-66

FRIDAY | Ps. 102; Jeremiah 31:10-14; Galatians 3:15-22; Luke 1:67-80

SATURDAY | Ps. 149; Isaiah 60:1-6; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Matt. 1:18-25

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Redeeming Lord, may our souls magnify you alone; may our spirits
rejoice in God our Savior. Your mercy is for those who fear you from
generation to generation. You have brought down the powerful from
their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; you have filled the hungry with
good things, and sent the rich away empty. Restore us, O God, let
your face shine, that we may be saved. In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.



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