



Christmas Hymns

A Service of Lessons & Carols



OPENING CAROL # O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

VERSE 1 | SOLO

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
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord



Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest

CHORUS

O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

WELCOME # LEON

RESPONSIVE READING * PSALM 96

Sing to the Lord a new song sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the lord and bless his name tell the good news of salvation from day to day.













Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvellous works among all the peoples For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world, and those who live in it.

Let the whole of creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!



VERSE 1

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child

VERSE 2

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor and meek and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy

VERSE 3

Jesus is our childhood's pattern
Day by day like us He grew
He was little weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feels for all our sadness
And He shares in all our gladness











FIRST LESSON * GENESIS 3:8-15, 17-19



Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

CAROL * O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

VERSE 1

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

VERSE 2

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep
The angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth

VERSE 3

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So, God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in













SECOND LESSON * GENESIS 22:15-18

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.



ITEM * NOEL, JENNY & JACK

THIRD LESSON * ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.



CAROL * IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

VERSE 1

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing



Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing











VERSE 3

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing





The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.



VERSE 1

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

VERSE 2

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











An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child



VERSE 1

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

VERSE 2

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 continued both day and night

Noel Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel

VERSE 3

This star drew nigh to the northwest O'er Bethlehem it took its rest And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay

> Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel

SIXTH LESSON * LUKE 2:1-16

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child













SEVENTH LESSON * LUKE 2: 8-16

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah



CAROL * ANGELS, WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

VFRSF 1

Angels we have heard on high And the mountains in reply

VERSE 2

Shepherds why this jubilee Why these joyous strains prolong What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song

> Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo

VERSE 3

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King

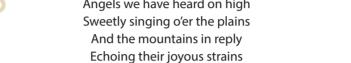
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Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus







Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo









CAROL * AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD



VERSE 1

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold As with joy they hailed its light Leading onward beaming bright So most gracious Lord may we Evermore be led to Thee



VERSE 2

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heav'n and earth adore
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat



As their precious gifts they laid At Thy manger roughly made So may we with holy joy Pure and free from sin's alloy All our costliest treasures bring Christ to Thee our heav'nly King



NINTH LESSON * JOHN 1: 1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth



VERSE 1

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled









THE LORD'S PRAYER



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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,



CLOSING CAROL * JOY TO THE WORLD

forever and ever Amen

VERSE 1

Joy to the world the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing





Joy to the world the Saviour 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

VERSE 3

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 and wonders of His love





CLOSING BLESSING * LEON





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