

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2024 - 10:30am



WE BELIEVE: Faith is a journey, God is good, Jesus saves, and the Spirit leads us to faith, hope, and love as we honor the dignity of all God's people.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Indicates *please stand if you are able*.

Bolded text or music score indicates congregational response.

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew. Prayer request cards may be placed in the offering and will be added to our prayer list.

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to prepare your hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Greensleeves
by Richard Purvis

Dr. Julia Brown

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Bell Olsson

Leader: Joy to the world! Our Savior is born!

People: Joy to the earth! Our Savior does reign!

Leader: Emmanuel is with us.

People: Christ dwells among us.

Leader: Wisdom comes from our God most high.

People: Light has gladdened the darkness.

Leader: Come, all you faithful people, worship the Messiah.

People: We gather together to behold and adore him.

Leader: Come, all you searching people, Love has been made manifest.

People: We raise our voices in praise and wonder.

All: Gloria in excelsis Deo! All praise to the newborn Christ!

CAROL 121*

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

OPENING PRAYER* (spoken by all)

Rev. Bell Olsson

Gentle God, the tinsel falls, the year turns, the carols fade. The blessing of Bethlehem that touched all the gray in our lives with star-silver is past. In this turning season of long cold nights, we ask God's presence beyond our holidays into the wintering times of our lives, so that we can begin to grow and become strong, filled with wisdom and the favor of God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

READINGS AND CAROLS: *For Unto Us a Child is Born!*

Rev. Bell Olsson

CAROL 138

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

NARRATOR

Barbara Gordon

Waiting, watching, hoping against hope, the faithful have looked and longed for a Saviour. Wrapped up in our own lives, in our own struggles, consumed with our own desires and sins, still, our hope was in God. At long last, all generations cry out,

"For unto us a child is born."

CAROL 97

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

ABRAHAM

Scott Bosscher

My name is Abraham. I followed God's call. I went from my own country to the land that God showed me. God promised to make a nation from my descendants and bless all families of the earth through me. Now we see the fulfillment of that promise with the gift of this child... today we are blessed indeed!

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL 122 vs. 1 & 2

He Is Born

IL EST NE

HAGAR

Jana DeShane

I am Hagar, I was Sarah's Egyptian slavegirl who bore Abraham a son, whom I called Ishmael. When I was at the end of all hope because of my suffering, I fled into the wilderness. It was there that I met "the God who sees;" the God who sees even those in slavery, crying in despair. This baby is a gift to people like me:

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL 92 vs. 1 & 3 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

JACOB

Janice Yates

I am Jacob, grandson of Abraham. Even though I was a liar and a cheater, there was still room for me in God's plan. I had a dream one night that a ladder filled with angels went straight from earth to God. In the morning I called that place Beth-el, the House of God. Today a child is born with the same message... God has come to dwell with us! We give thanks for Immanuel--God with us.

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL

Sing Lullaby

Scott Bosscher, baritone

Trad. Basque, arr. Mack Wilberg

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining, sing lullaby!
Hush! Do not wake the Infant King! Angels are watching,
stars are shining over the place where he is lying.

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping, sing lullaby!
Hush! Do not wake the Infant King! Soon will come sorrow with the morning,
soon will come bitter grief and weeping;

Sing lullaby! Lullaby, is the babe awaking?
Hush! Do not wake the Infant King! Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning,
Conquering death, its bondage breaking; Sing lullaby.

MOSES

Chris Yates

I am Moses. I had excuses when God spoke to me from a burning bush. I didn't want to help God free our people from slavery. But God didn't give up on me or on Israel. God's power delivered us from the hands of the mighty Pharaoh. We worship a God who delivers! God gave us the law at Sinai to guide us. We worship a God who guides us! And today God gives a Savior who will deliver us from evil, a Savior who is our guide.

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL 63 vs. 1 & 2 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

RUTH

Rev. Bell Olsson

I am Ruth, a foreigner from Moab, who married one of the sons of Israel. When my husband died, I followed my mother-in-law back to Israel. I was her faithful friend, and her God, the God of Israel, was faithful in restoring our happiness. I gleaned wheat in the fields near this town of Bethlehem. A man named Boaz married me, even though I was an outsider, and I gave birth to a baby that brought great joy to my family. This baby Jesus is one of my descendants, he comes to bring great joy to the world!

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL 107 vs. 1 & 2*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

SAMUEL

Kris Wilson

My name is Samuel. When I was just a small boy I heard God calling me. I said, "Yes Lord, your servant hears you." And so I served God all my days, calling the people of Israel to faithfulness. It was a hard job, because the people did not always want to hear what I had to say. But God never deserted me. Now I see that God sends his own son to call us to faithfulness.

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL 100* vs. 1 & 3*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELIS

DAVID

Scott Bosscher

My name is David. I was the Lord's anointed, a man after God's own heart. I ruled Israel as a king for many years. I was a sinner, like everyone else, and I disappointed God in many ways. But God was faithful to me. This night in Bethlehem, in my own city, a new King is born, one of my own descendants. This Ruler will bring peace to the world. He will be called the Prince of Peace.

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL 140* vs. 1 & 2*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* GOD REST YOU MERRY**ISAIAH**

Robin Dhaseleer

My name is Isaiah, and I was a prophet of the Most High. The people of Israel had turned from God. God allowed them to be conquered by the Babylonians. The holy city Jerusalem was in ruins, our temple was destroyed. Our people were taken in chains into captivity. How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. He will establish the throne of David and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this! (Isaiah 9:6-7)

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL 123* vs. 1 & 3*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

JOSEPH

John Schneider

Joseph is my name, and it is my betrothed Mary who has given birth to a son. We have named him Jesus, as the angel instructed. The angel told me that this child will save our people from their sin. The hopes of many rest on our child, our son.

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL 130*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

POLISH CAROL

MARY

Judy Schneider

My name is Mary and I am a servant of the Lord. God's mercy is on those who fear God, from generation to generation. God has fulfilled the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever.

Jesus is a blessing for the world, that comes through my life.

For unto us a child is born.

CAROL 134* vs. 1 & 2*There's a Song in the Air*

CHRISTMAS SONG

PEOPLE*

Today we add our voices to the chorus of thanksgiving. We sing our part in the song that rises through time, around the world, in every language, "Glory to God in the highest". We give thanks for God's son, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord! For unto us a child is born.

CAROL**Unto Us a Child is Born*

PUER NOBIS



1. Un - to us a child is born! The King of all cre - a - tion,
2. Cra - dled in a stall was he with don-keys and with ox - en;
5. Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to love us,

5



came he to a world for - lorn, the Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.
 but the ve-ry beasts could see that he all men sur- pass - - - es.
 lead us all with hearts a - flame un - to the joys a - bove us.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Bell Olsson

OFFERTORY*The Little Road to Bethlehem*

Scott Bosscher, baritone

by Michael Head

As I walked down the road at set of sun, the lambs were coming homewards, one by one,
 I heard a sheepbell softly calling them along the little road to Bethlehem.

Beside an open door, as I drew nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
 She sang about the lambs at close of day and rocked her tiny King among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheepbell rang, "The lambs are coming home," sweet mary sang,
 "Your Star of gold is shining in the sky, so sleep, my little King, go lullaby."

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Bell Olsson

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CAROL 110*

Go Tell it on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

BLESSING*

Rev. Bell Olsson

By your hands, may love be shared.
By your voice, may peace be spoken.
By your eyes, may beauty be seen.
By your ears, may truth be heard.
By your life, may the song of Christ be sung!

DISMISSAL*

Rev. Bell Olsson

Leader: Unto us a child is born. Go then and tell the world!

People: **We go forth in peace and joy. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Sussex Carol

Dr. Brown, organ

traditional English, arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME! We are so glad you joined us today!

WELCOME! If this is your first time worshipping with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex outside the sanctuary if you have questions about our church. You are invited to join us after the service for refreshments and fellowship in the atrium.

HEARING ASSISTANCE is available on the main floor by using the T-switch on your hearing aid. Handheld receivers with earphones are also available from the ushers.

NURSERY is available for children birth through 3 years. Please sign your child(ren) in prior to the service and receive a pager if needed.

Looking Ahead

**Words in italics denote partnering organizations that meet at Mayflower.*

Today, December 29

10:30am | Morning Worship

DECEMBER

30 Office Open | 8am-3pm

31 New Year's Eve | Office Closed

JANUARY

1 New Year's Day | Office Closed

2 Office Open | 8am-3pm

3 Office Open | 8am-3pm

5 Morning Worship | 10:30am

6 Men's Bible Study | 7:30am

Women's Bible Study | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 5pm

Men's Bible Study | 5pm

7 Breakfast Club | 6:30am

Needlepoint | 10am

*CCGR (Chamber Choir)** | 5pm

8 Priscilla Circle | 12pm

Mayflower Bells | 6pm

Chancel Choir | 7:30pm

9 *Women's City Club** | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 10am

Preschool Open House | 6:30pm

*Boy Scouts** | 6:30pm

10 Men's Bible Study | 7am

12 Morning Worship | 10:30am

Elevate | 5pm

Sunday Morning Greeters and Cookies Providers

We want to thank Mayflower groups and committees for providing cookies and greeting us! December is *Council and Congregational Events* month!



COUNCIL

Kateri Schutt,
Moderator
Chris Yates,
Vice Moderator
John P. Schneider,
Treasurer

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Martin Grin
Patty Sienstra
Kris Wilson
Dan Poortenga
Susan Orban

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Kathy Wynsma
Peter Northouse
John VerMeulen
David Blair
Ingrid Nelson
Robin Dhaseleer

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Courtney Weiler, *Chair & CR*

Katherine Miller

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Kristine Schwab

Jess Ruppert

Dawn Williams

Dave Baker

Susan Laffrey

Elizabeth Bogo

Patty Sienstra

Year End Financial Update

THANK YOU to all who support our church with your time, talent & treasure! We are connected in community by faith. It takes every single person, and we are grateful for all of you!

2025 COMMITMENT CARDS

Thank you to all who have submitted your 2025 commitment to giving! If you haven't had a chance to fill out your form/card, please visit the welcome table or the church office for a hard copy. To submit it digitally, visit mayflowerchurch.org/support, or scan the QR code. Your financial commitments are needed to help determine the budget for the coming year! Our Treasurer, John Schneider, will present the 2025 budget to the congregation in the new year.



2024 YEAR-END GIVING

At the end of November, Mayflower's 2024 operating income statement shows a deficit (see chart below).

2024 has been a wonderful year of ministering to you and our surrounding community! Mayflower is reaching hundreds of lives through worship, music, Bible studies, hospitality, children's programming, social events, and outreach opportunities. **You are still able to make an impact on Mayflower's 2024 financial needs.**

If you would like your year-end gift to be reflected in your 2024 taxes, please deliver or mail in your contribution to the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 31. Please reach out to Mayflower Business Manager for more detailed information, Andy Ely, andy@mayflowerchurch.org.

Mayflower Congregational Church	
Operating Income Statement	
NOV 24	
	2024
	NOV
	YTD
Income	1,003,266
Expense	1,091,005
Net Income	(87,739)

Senior Minister Search Committee Update

The next step in the Mayflower Senior Minister Search process is for the committee to gather important information from the congregation. A carefully-developed survey is currently being mailed to all Mayflower members, and your responses are requested by January 10, 2025. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, and the information will be valuable in helping to shape their overall strategy. The mailing will include a link to the online survey option for those who prefer to respond online.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events. Visit MayflowerChurch.org/events for more information.

MAYFLOWER PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

JAN. 9 | 6:30PM

If you or a family member or friend are considering preschool for a child next year, this is an opportunity to meet the fabulous teachers and see the engaging classrooms. Reach out to Missi or Erica at mayflowerpreschool@outlook.com or 616.459.7386 with questions.

EARLY ENROLLMENT MAYFLOWER

PRESCHOOL | JAN. 10 | 8AM

If you are a member of Mayflower Church, you are invited to enroll with current pre-school families on Jan. 10 through the website (mayflowerpreschool.org). Please reach out to Missi or Erica at mayflowerpreschool@outlook.com or 616.459.7386 with questions.

BAPTISM SUNDAY | JAN. 12 | 10:30AM

Join us at morning worship as we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. Contact Rev. Bell Olsson if you are interested in being baptized (ruth@mayflowerchurch.org).

PRESENTATION & BOOK DISCUSSION

JAN. 16

Matt Halteman, author, philosopher, and professor will present on his book, *Hungry Beautiful Animals: The Joyful Case for Going Vegan*.

CALVIN UNIVERSITY JANUARY SERIES

JAN. 20-31 | 12:30PM

We will livestream the Calvin January Series in the chapel. For a synopsis of each speaker, visit calvin.edu/january-series/speakers

UPCYCLE EVENT: BIKES & BREWERY | JAN. 23

Mark your calendar, more info coming soon!

ALL COMER'S CHOIR | JAN. 26 | 10:30AM

Join the choir for a day! More information coming soon from Julia and Scott.

WORKSHOP | JAN. 26 | 12PM

How to Be a Faithful Friend: Caring for Others, a workshop led by Rev. Dr. Bob Livingston, Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, Betsy Willey, and the deacons will be Jan. 26. A light lunch will be provided.

CONFIRMATION MEETING | FEB. 9

A Confirmation information meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9 following the service. Students in 8th grade and older are invited. Reach out to Rachael Cooley with any questions.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Mayflower in the New Year? Please reach out to office@mayflowerchurch.org to share your interest.

Praises and Prayers

If you would like to receive prayer, or make note of someone to be added to the weekly Prayer List, please contact the church office to be included on the list (616.459.6255 or office@mayflowerchurch.org.) Prayer Cards are also in the pews and collected during Sunday morning services.

PRAISE FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE

Praise for **Gary Wallin's** improved health. (12/18)

Praise for **Chip George** as he is recovering well from surgery after falling off a ladder. (12/10)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Maris Rosema is asking for prayers for her grandson and his family as he is recovering from a car accident. (12/17)

Pray for **Kyle Morrison** and his runners at Kalamazoo College as they mourn the sudden loss of their teammate. (12/10)

Please pray for Dr. **Michelle Halley** (pictured with her team below), daughter of **Dale and Ellen DeHaan**. She is on a medical team deployment to refugee camps in the Sudan. (12/10)



PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

Pray for **Scott Stayart**, friend of the McKelvey family, who is battling pneumonia. (12/4)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Ila Flo Barfuss's cousin's husband, **Don Kosse**, who had earlier been on our prayer list, passed away on Dec. 8. (12/10)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

We pray for the families and friends of those injured or killed at the recent school shooting in Wisconsin.

We pray for **Eden Ministries** serving vulnerable children in Doma, Zimbabwe.

Pray for **Energy for Mission** and **Pastor Marcel** doing peace work and faith restoration in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo

We pray for peace on Earth.

We pray for **world leaders** to seek the flourishing of all people.

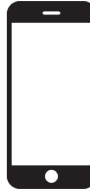
NOTE: Prayers were last updated 12/19. Due to the holiday printing schedule, any newer prayer requests will be shared during the worship services.

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Scan the QR Code with your phone to give/pay directly through E-Zekiel: no sign-up required.

Download the app and create an account for future secure scan-and-go transactions.



TEXT TO GIVE

On your phone, simply text the word: GIVE To: 6163446255 (no spaces) and then follow the prompts.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Dec. 24: OPEN 8am-12pm | Dec. 25-27: CLOSED | Dec. 30: OPEN 8am-3pm
Dec. 31-Jan. 1: CLOSED | Jan. 2-3 : OPEN 8am-3pm

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, Interim Senior Pastor

Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music and Organist

Scott Bosscher, Chancel Choir Director | Melia Colwell, Children's Choir Accompanist

Rachael Cooley, Interim Executive Administrator | Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care

Amy Dunham, Office Manager | Andy Ely, Business Manager

Abby Brooks, Interim Children & Youth Music Director | Kristen Van Stee, Communications Coordinator

Jana DeShane and David Schellenberg, Facilities Team

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French Carol

French Carol

Trans. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply
strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be,
an - gels sing; Come a - dore on bend - ed knee,

Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song. Glo -
Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

ri - a

GLORIA
7.7.7.7 with Refrain

THE TRIUNE GOD

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a half note chord (C2, Eb3), followed by a half note chord (C2, Eb3, G3), and then a half note chord (C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3). The bass staff provides harmonic support with chords: C2, Eb3, G3; C2, Eb3, G3; and C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3.

ri - a

The second system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff features a half note chord (C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3), followed by a half note chord (C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3), and then a half note chord (C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3). The bass staff continues with chords: C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3; C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3; and C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3.

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has a half note chord (C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3), followed by a half note chord (C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3), and then a half note chord (C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3). The bass staff continues with chords: C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3; C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3; and C2, Eb3, G3, Bb3.

God of all our days, during this season of rejoicing when we feel the brush of angel wings, we offer ourselves, incarnate beings with "skin on," as ambassadors with willing feet, ready to spread the Gospel of love that the angels announced so long ago in the fields of Galilee. May we be ever able and willing to sing the songs and walk the walk of a Savior God who loves us too much to ever let us go. Noël!

Rev. Marilyn Smith Glavin

THE TRIUNE GOD

138 What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest

William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Traditional English Melody

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 king to own Him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the

Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 pierce Him through, The Cross be borne, for me, for you:
 song on high, The Vir - gin sings her lull - a - by:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y.
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y.
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y.

GREENSLEEVES
 8.7.8.7 with Refrain

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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German-Latin Carol, 14th C.

German Melody, 14th C.

Para. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

1. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and
 2. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and
 3. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and

voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is
 voice; Now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was
 voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was

born to - day; Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the
 born for this! He has o - pened heav - en's door, And man is bless - ed
 born to save! Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er -

man - ger now. Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 ev - er - more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 last - ing hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Second verse: "And we are blessed evermore"

IN DULCI JUBILO
6.6.7.7.7.8.5.5

THE TRIUNE GOD

122

He Is Born / Il Est Né

Traditional French Carol
Trans. anonymous

French Carol, 18th C.
Harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1926-

Refrain *Unison*

He is born, the ho - ly Child, play the
Il est né, le di - vin En - fant, jou - ez haut-

o - boe and bag - pipes mer - ri - ly! He is born, the
bois rè - son - nez mu - set - tes! Il est né, le di -

ho - ly Child, sing we all of the Sav - ior mild.
vin En - fant, chan - tons tous son a - vè - ne - ment!

Verses
Optional S.A.

1. Through long a - ges of the past, Proph - ets
 2. O how love - ly, O how pure Is this
 3. Je - sus, Lord of all the world, Com - ing
 1. *De - puis plus de qua - tre mille ans, Nous le*
 2. *Ah! qu'il est beau, qu'il est char - mant, Ah! que*
 3. *Ô Je - sus, Ô Roi tout puis - sant, Si pe -*

IL-EST NÉ
7.8.7.7 with Refrain

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THE TRIUNE GOD

have fore - told His com - ing; Through long a - ges
 per - fect child of heav - en; O how love - ly,
 as a child a - mong us, Je - sus, Lord of
pro - met-taient les pro - phè - tes, De - puis plus de qua -
ses grâ - ces sont par - faites! Ah! qu'il est beau, qu'il
tut En - fant que vous êtes, Ô Je - sus, Ô Roi

of the past, Now the time has come at last!
 O how pure, Gra - cious gift to hu - man - kind!
 all the world, Grant to us Thy heav'n - ly peace.
tre mille ans, Nous at - ten - dions cet heu - reux temps.
est char - mant, Qu'il est doux, ce di - vin En - fant!
tout puis - sant, Re - gnez sur nous en - tiè - re - ment.

D.C.

We rejoice, O God, that after long waiting the time has come: the time to welcome the Christ Child—full of grace, born to live among us, born to bring us peace that only heaven can give. God who is pure and full of love, as Your people of old looked for that first coming in faith, let us now live out the truth and grace that is in Christ, inviting the Lord of all the world to reign in our hearts, to bring justice to the poor, hope to the oppressed, and joy to the world. Amen.

Rev. Ralph DiBiasio-Snyder

THE TRIUNE GOD

92

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Latin, ca. 9th C.

Sts. 1, 2, trans. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Sts. 3, 4, trans. by Henry S. Coffin, 1877-1954

Chant Plainsong

Adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

Unison

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex -
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds
 all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl -
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar -

ile here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 edge show, And cause us in her ways to go.
 rels cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

VENI EMMANUEL
 LM with Refrain

THE TRIUNE GOD

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and single notes. The lyrics are placed below the vocal staff, with hyphens under 'Is' and 'ra' to indicate a long note.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-ca. 410

13th C. Plainsong, Mode V

St. 1, trans. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Sts. 2, 3, trans. by Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Unison

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 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When a vir - gin,
 3. Let the heights of heav'n a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 4. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 blest with grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him,
 Ghost, to Thee, Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race; And the babe, the world's Re -
 And ex - tol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - wea - ried prais - es be: Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face,
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,
 min - ion, And e - - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

8.7.8.7.8.7.7

THE SON

Praise to Jesus Christ

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THE TRIUNE GOD

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!" repeated four times, followed by "A - men." on the final line.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Joy to the World

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Attr. to George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their
 3. No more let sin and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks,
 fest the ground; He comes to make His
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His

pare Him room, And heav'n and na - ture
 hills, and plains Re - peat the sound - ing
 bless - ings flow Far as the curse is
 right - eous - ness, And won - ders of His

And
Re -
Far
And

Second verse: "Let all their songs employ"

ANTIOCH
CM

THE TRIUNE GOD

sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
 joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
 found, Far as the curse is found, Far
 love, And won - ders of His love, And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 as, far as the curse is found.
 won - ders, won - ders of His love. A - men.

sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders of His love. A - men.

O Lord Christ, born into our world this day:
 Bring joy to our hearts,
 that we would make room for Your grace.
 Place Your song on our lips,
 that we would proclaim good news for all to hear.
 Give clear vision to our eyes,
 that we would see Your blessings flow all around us.
 Create peace among all nations,
 that we would dwell in harmony as brothers and sisters.
 Grant hope to our souls,
 that we would experience Your kingdom in our lives.
 We receive You now,
 who comes to us as purest love, in awe and wonder.
 Amen.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin by John F. Wade, 1711-1786

John F. Wade's, *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

Trans. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, and others

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. ♯ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, ♯
 3. ♯ Child for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, ♯
 4. ♯ Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, ♯

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 We would em - brace Thee, with love and awe;
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Who would not love Thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

ADESTE FIDELES
 Irregular with Refrain

THE TRIUNE GOD

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'THE TRIUNE GOD'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!' are placed between the two staves, with the words 'a - dore' and 'the Lord!' having hyphens under them. The music ends with a double bar line.

Adeste Fideles

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John F. Wade, 1711–1786

1. Adeste fideles,
Laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem:
Natum videte
Regem angelorum:
Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus Dominum.
2. Cantet nunc io
Chorus angelorum,
Cantet nunc aula caelestium:
Gloria in
Excelsis Deo:
Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus Dominum.
3. Ergo qui natus
Die hodierna,
Jesu, tibi sit gloria:
Patris aeterni
Verbum caro factum:
Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus Dominum.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

English Carol, 18th C.

English Melody, 18th C.
Harm. by John Stainer, 1840-1901

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All

noth - ing you dis - may, Re - mem - ber Christ our
 bless - ed an - gel came, And un - to cer - tain
 noth - ing you af - fright; This day is born a
 you with - in this place, And with true love and

Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas day,
 shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
 Sav - ior, Of a pure vir - gin bright,
 broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em - brace;

To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When
 How that in Beth - le - hem was born The
 To free all those who trust in Him From
 This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Doth

Fourth verse: "And with true love and unity"

GOD REST YOU MERRY
8.6.8.6.8.6 with Refrain

THE TRIUNE GOD

we were gone a - stray.
Son of God by name.
Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
bring re - deem - ing grace.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with some grace notes and slurs. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final note and a fermata. The bass staff concludes with a final chord and a fermata.

God of grace and glory, we have come to the season of Advent, meant to prepare us for the birth of our Lord. In the busyness of life keep us focused on the Bethlehem manger, soon to cradle our Savior and King. There's a song in the air, O God, that lifts our hearts in anticipation of the coming of the Prince of Peace, hastening the day when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation or learn war anymore. Prepare us to receive Him, that we may be found faithful when Christ comes again in final victory. Then shall we feast with all the saints at the table of the Lamb, singing Your praises with the choirs of heaven. Covenant-keeping God of the ages, we praise You in the gracious name of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, this day and every day bringing us "tidings of comfort and joy!" Amen!

Rev. Karl D. Schimpf

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847

Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord: Late in time be - hold Him come,
right-eous-ness! Light and life to all He brings,

God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings. Mild He lays His

na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

MENDELSSOHN

7.7.7.7 D

Second verse: "Pleased as man with *us* to dwell"

Third verse: "Born that we no more may die" and

"Born to raise *all those* on earth" or "Born to raise *all children* on earth"

THE TRIUNE GOD

With the an-gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!" A-men.

Org. Ped.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The instruction "Org. Ped." is written below the bass staff.

Christ Child, God Incarnate,
Your glory shall shine forever and ever.
You came that we, whom You created,
would be reconciled to You and made whole.
You came that we might have eternity in Your presence
and may always live in Your love.
With joyful hearts, we sing glory to Your name.

Rev. Wayne McLeod

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Polish Carol

Trans. by Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933

Traditional Polish Melody

Arr. by Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933

Harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1919-

Unison

1. In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep-herds keep - ing Vig - il

bed a cat - tle stall; Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle
till the morn - ing new Saw the glo - ry, Heard the

know - ing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are
sto - ry, Tid - ings of a gos - pel true. Thus re -

wing - ing An - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing, Tid - ings
joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the

bring - ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
mor - row: Christ the babe was born for you.

There's a Song in the Air

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Josiah Gilbert Holland, 1819-1881

Karl Pomeroy Harrington, 1861-1953

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
 2. There's a tu - mult of joy O'er the won - der - ful birth,
 3. In the light of that star Lie the a - ges im - pearled;
 4. We re - joice in the light, And we ech - o the song

There's a moth - er's deep prayer And a ba - by's low cry!
 For the vir - gin's sweet boy Is the Lord of the earth.
 And that song from a - far Has swept o - ver the world.
 That comes down through the night From the heav - en - ly throng.

And the star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful sing,
 Ay! the star rains its fire while the beau - ti - ful sing,
 Ev - 'ry hearth is a - flame, and the beau - ti - ful sing
 Ay! we shout to the love - ly e - van - gel they bring,

For the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!
 For the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a King!
 In the homes of the na - tions that Je - sus is King!
 And we greet in His cra - dle our Sav - ior and King!

CHRISTMAS SONG
6.6.6.6.12.12

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Spiritual

Spiritual

Refrain Unison

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

Verses Harmony

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night, Be -
 2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a - bove the earth Rang
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born, And

hold through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

D.C.

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
 7.6.7.6 with Refrain