

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

December 21, 2025, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Love, Carol Service

Land Acknowledgement

There were people here long before we came to live on this land as settlers and descendants of settlers. We acknowledge these many Nations of Indigenous people who first lived and currently live here. We give thanks to this land, the territory(s) of these Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples. We do this to acknowledge our responsibility to enhance and promote peace among all who now share this land, as well as good stewardship of it and its resources.

(* Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*OPENING HYMN:# VU 7 "Hope is a Star"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Voice 1: Like the shepherds of old, we are summoned to witness the birth of love anew in our world. Hope has drawn us forward. (the candle of hope is lit) **The Mighty One has done great things!**

Voice 2: Simple shepherds, not the kings, were the first called to the stable. God brings down the powerful from their thrones, and lifts up the lowly, restoring the equality of all people that leads us to peace in our world. (the candle of peace is lit) **The Mighty One has done great things!**

Voice 3: Our joyful footsteps follow the shepherds to Bethlehem. Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior! (the candle of joy is lit) **The Mighty One has done great things!**

Voice 4: How brightly the wreath shines as we light the fourth candle, the candle of love! (the candle of love is lit) For God so loved the world, that God gave us this son, soon to be born again to us, and lead us in his Way of Love. **The Mighty One has done great things!**

Voice 5: See the shepherds are here now, having left their flocks on the hillside to come to the stable.

The Mighty One has done great things!

Introit: VU 60, O Come All Ye Faithful, verse 4

CALL TO WORSHIP

Love, in the midst of apathy—hate is not the opposite of love, apathy is.

When apathy sets in, love is a choice. Love is a verb. Love is less what we feel and more what we do.

An act of love. A labour of love.

We come choosing love when apathy is easier, choosing love when it means it may come with pain.

Let us pray for Emmanuel, for love that resists apathy, for wisdom to choose the way of love even when it is woven together with pain and sorrow.

HYMN: VU 44 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” v 1, 2, & 4

GATHERING PRAYER

Merciful God, we have gathered in hope, sought peace, and laughed with joy, and now we come both to give and to receive the great love that you have for us. **Be with us in our worship and in our witness this week and every week. Help us to bring your love to the world, especially into the broken and forgotten places and to people who so need your love. It is for this that you came to Bethlehem and for this that you continue to come again this year.** (silence) Let us pray together, with the words Jesus taught us, saying; *“Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kin’dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin’dom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.”*

HYMN: VU 59 “Joy to the World” v 1, 2, & 4

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**Welcoming all to: Gather in God’s Grace,
Grow in Christian Faith and
Go in Community Service.**

SACRED MUSIC: "Sing Joy To All The World"

LEARN TOGETHER: Sunday School Band & Christmas Carols
(Youth and Children’s time)

SCRIPTURE READING, REFLECTION, AND SINGING:

Scripture: Matthew 1:18–25

Reflection: “1 Week Left...”

Hymn: VU 48 “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14–20

Reflection: “Sending Our love through Music”

Hymn: VU 43 “Go, tell it on the Mountain” v1 & 3

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR:

OFFERTORY HYMN : VU #55 “In The Bleak Midwinter”

*What can I give him? Poor as I am. If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb. If I were a Wiseman I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him. Give my heart.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

On this Sunday when the Advent candle of love spreads the warmth of your love, God who is love, we offer these gifts for your purpose in the world. Bless them as signs of our love for neighbours worldwide. Bless us as a sign of your love cultivated within our hearts, beating to the cadence of right relation within all Creation. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN # VU 50 “He is Born”

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

We have prayed that God’s Kin’dom will come.

May this prayer bring us love in this week.

We have prayed that we will be empowered to act on God’s will as it is enacted in heaven.

May this prayer carry us in love in this week.

We have held the world in prayer.

May these prayers encourage us to work for love throughout this week.

We have received words of promise: “I am with you.” May these words empower us to live in love this week, for the sake of God’s Kin’dom, in the memory of Christ, for the good of the world. Amen.

*Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see;
God will be there, watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen*

*** PIANO POSTLUDE**

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Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service this morning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Journey Through Advent 2025: Nov 30(Sun) ~ Dec 24(Wed). 2025, Join us this Advent season as we anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. Each Sunday, we'll light a candle of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, culminating in the lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve.

December 24th - Christmas Eve service, 7pm

2026 Offering Envelopes: Please retrieve your box from the table in front of the kitchen.

Committee Annual Reports: Chairpersons, please provide your committee's annual report to the office by **December 31, 2025**, so that we can compile the Church Annual Report for 2025.

Thank you to Florence Turner for being the greeter, to Valerie Zuk for being the worship leader, to Nikole Amato for leading the Sunday School, to Lisa Brillon and the choir for their musical contribution, to the Ladies in the Kitchen for preparing coffee and goodies for the coffee hour and to Allen Zhang/Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship Service this morning.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Jim Gates, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, and Anthony Logan Siconolfi.

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, John Dunn & Family, Gary Hunt & Family and Jeanne Vanderburg & her mother Beaty.

Hope Is a Star

Unison

C F C

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
 2 Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,
 3 Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,
 4 Love is a flame that burns in our heart,

F C Dm7 Fmaj7 Gsus4 G

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain Am F G C Am

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be

F G C Am F Dm7 C

first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

G D G D G C G D

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God of God, light of light,
 3 Sing, choirs of ang - els, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 See how the shep - herds sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

Em D A D G D G D A D

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem:
 lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with low - ly fear;
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given,

G Am G Am G D G Em Am D

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 ve - ry God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:
 glo - ry to God in the high - est:
 we too will thi - ther bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain G D

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
 ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,

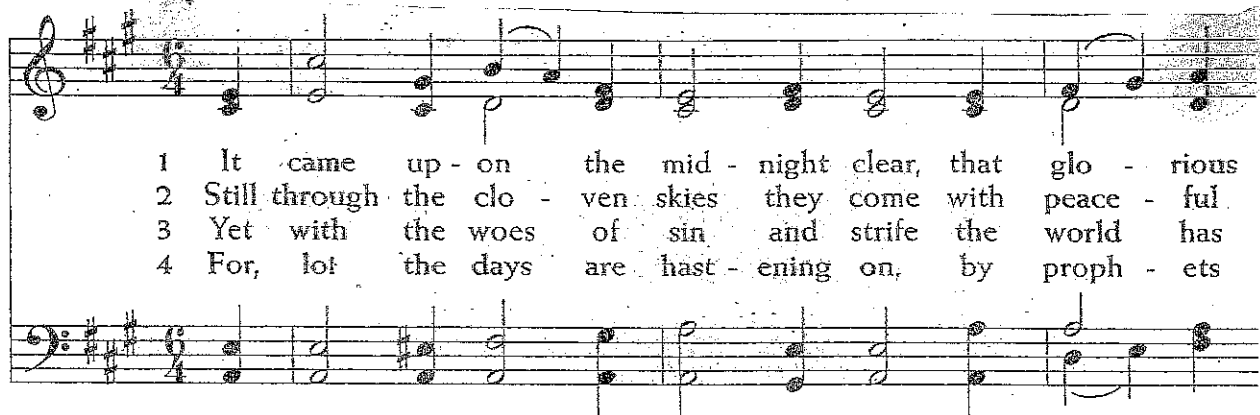
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CHRISTMAS

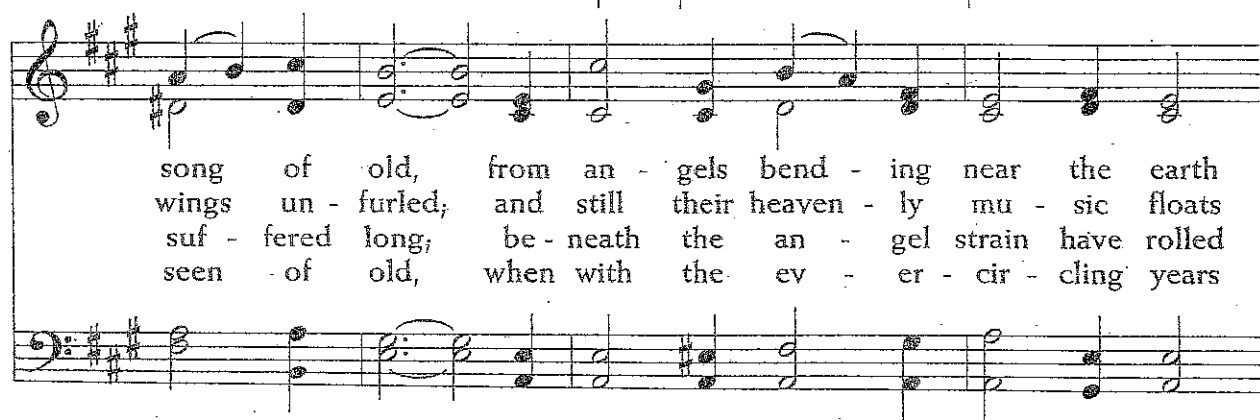
The musical score is written for guitar and voice. The guitar part is in the treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The chords indicated above the staff are G, D7, G, D, Em, D, G, C, G, D, and G. The lyrics are written below the guitar staff and above the bass staff. The bass staff is in the bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord. ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num."

G D7 G D Em D G C G D G

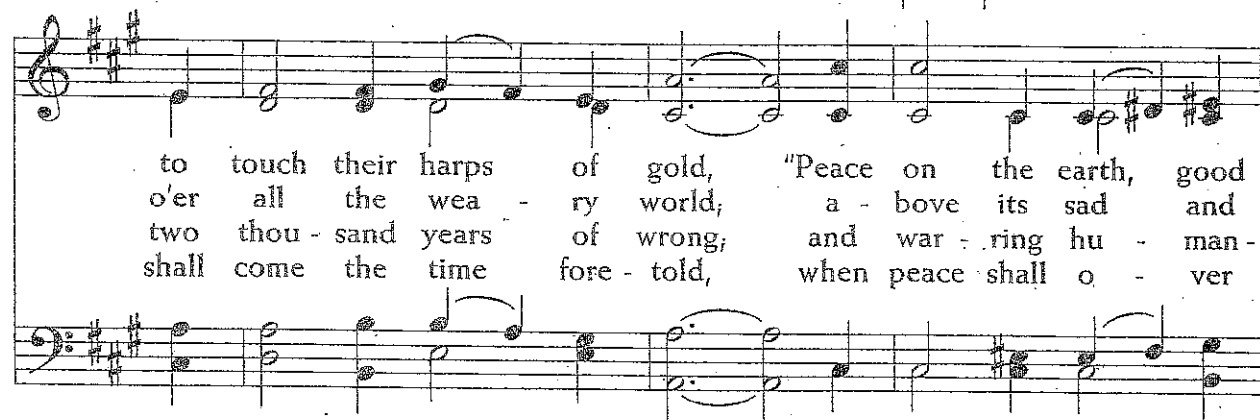
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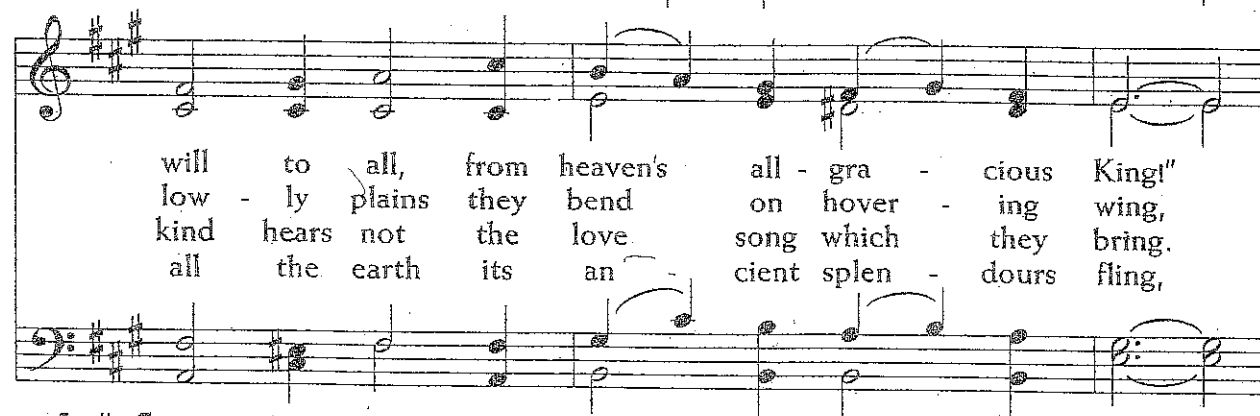
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has
 4 For, lo! the days are hast - ening on, by proph - ets



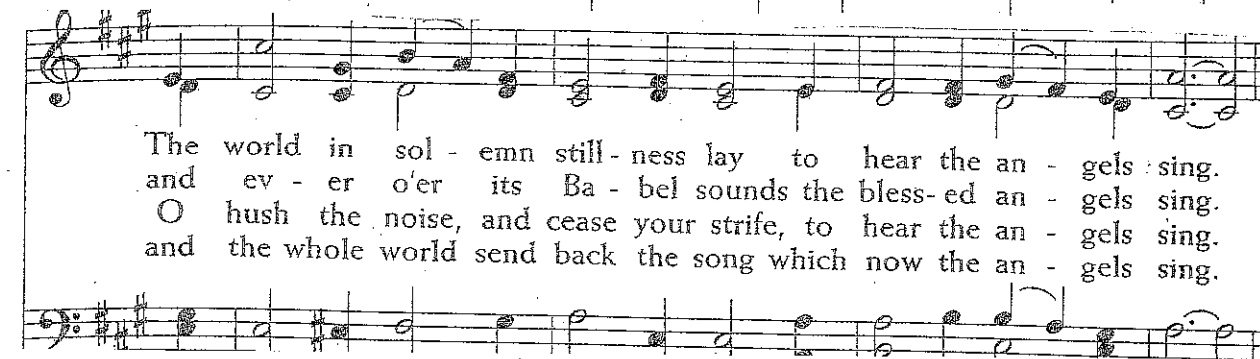
song of old, from an - gels bend - ing near the earth
 wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats
 suf - fered long, be - neath the an - gel strain have rolled
 seen of old, when with the ev - er - cir - cling years



to touch their harps of gold, "Peace on the earth, good
 o'er all the wea - ry world, a - bove its sad and
 two thou - sand years of wrong, and war - ring hu - man -
 shall come the time fore - told, when peace shall o - ver



will to all, from heaven's all - gra - cious King!
 low - ly plains they bend on hover - ing wing,
 kind hears not the love song which they bring.
 all the earth its an - cient splen - dours fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 O hush the noise, and cease your strife, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world send back the song which now the an - gels sing.



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth! the Sa - viour reigns: let all their songs em-
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the earth with truth and - grace, and makes the na - tions



King! Let ev - ery heart pre - pare him
 ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 ground: he comes to make his bless - ings
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room, and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



and heaven and na - ture sing, and

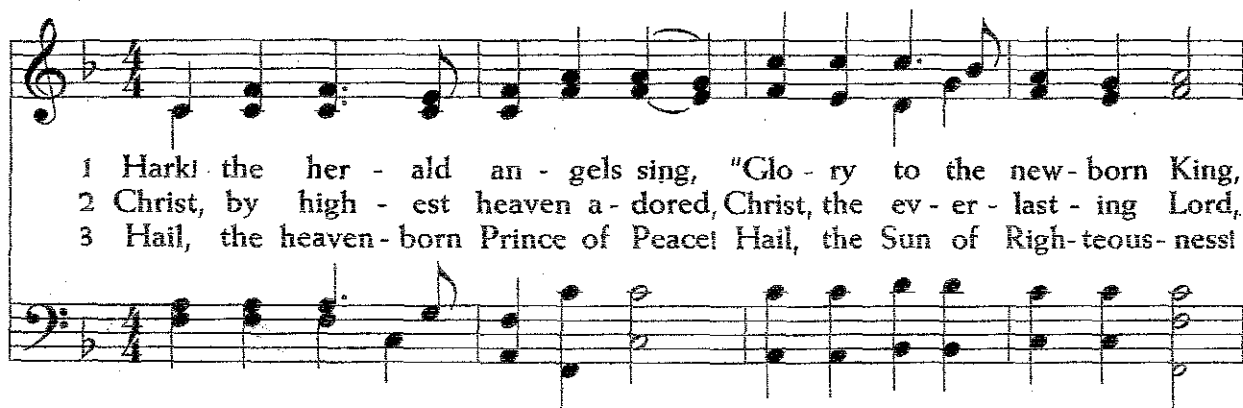


sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

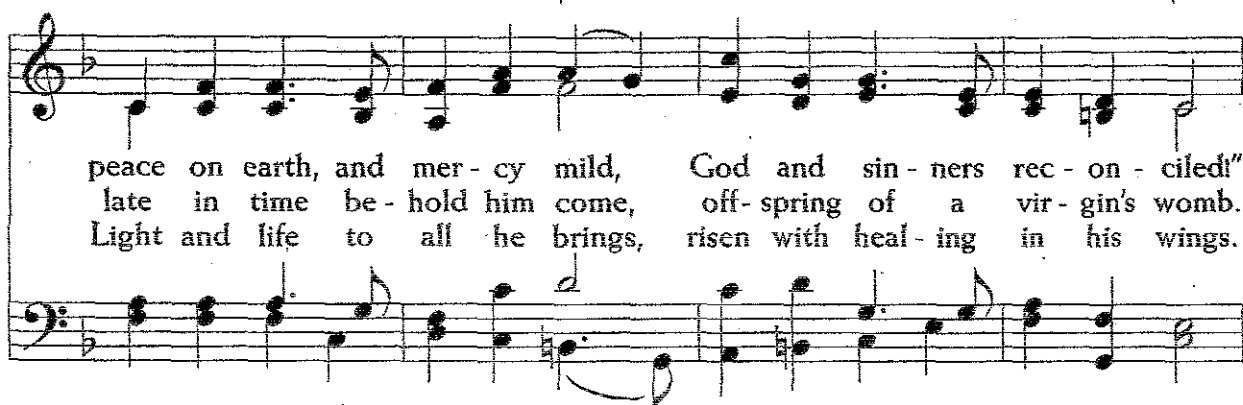


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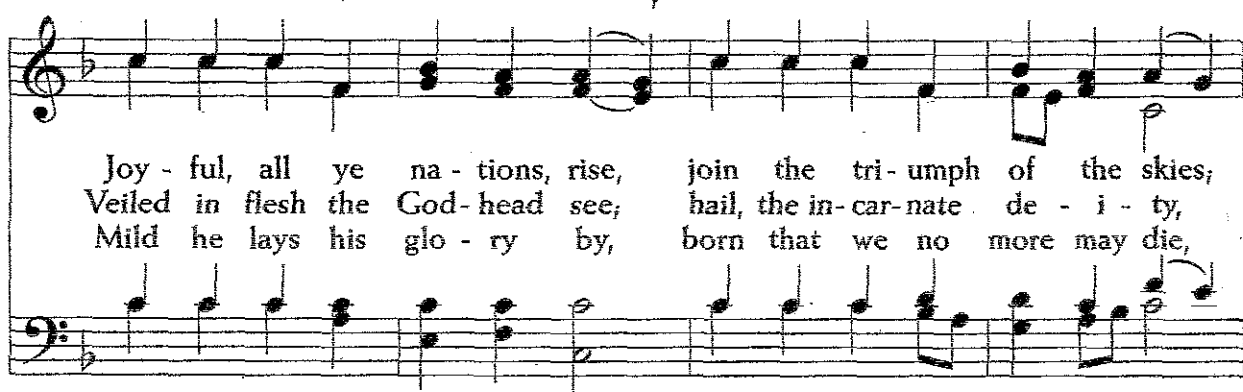
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



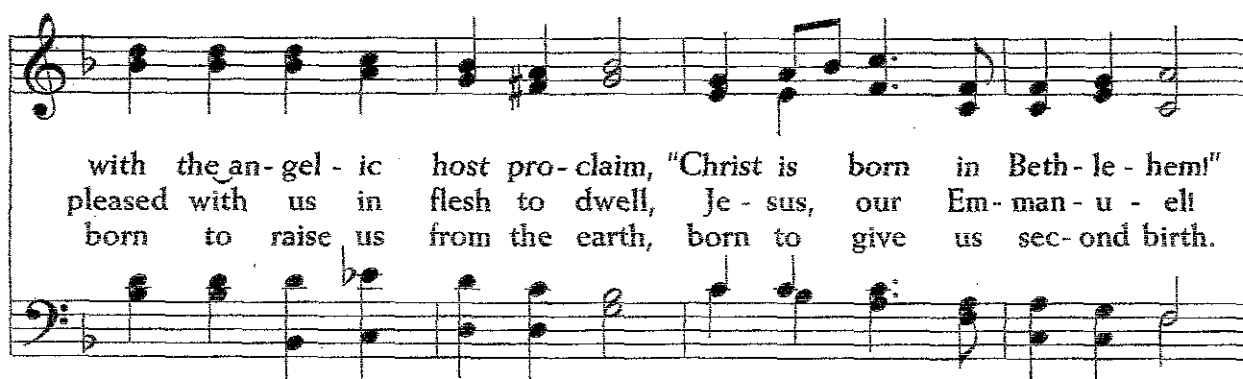
1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King,
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail, the in-car-nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

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

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 2/4 time. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain (Unison)

G D G Am7 D

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where.

G Cmaj7 G Em C G D7 G Fine

Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

Harmony

G D G

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

G A A7 D/D7 D.C.

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - iour's birth!
and God sent our sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Words: John Wesley Work II 1907

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

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GO, TELL IT

Irregular

He Is Born

(Il est né)

Refrain (Unison)

Il est né, le di - vin En - fant, jou - ez, haut-bois, ré - son -
 He is born, lit - tle Child div - ine; play on the reeds while the

nez mu - set - tes; il est né, le di - vin En - fant,
 lutes are strum - ming. He is born, lit - tle Child div - ine;

chan - tons tous son a - vè - ne - ment. 1 De - puis
 join the song to an - nounce the day. 2 Ah! qu'il
 1 Through long
 2 O how

plus de qua - tre mille ans nous le pro - met - taient
 est beau, qu'il est char - mant! Ah! que ses grâ - ces
 a - ges of the past, proph - ets have for -
 love - ly, O how pure is this per - fect

les pro - phè - tes: de - puis plus de qua - tre mille
sont par - fai - tes! Ah! qu'il est beau, qu'il est char -
told his com - ing; thru long a - ges of the
child of heav - en; O how love - ly, O how

ans nous at - ten - dions cet heu - reux temps!
manti! Qu'il est doux, ce di - vin en - fant!
past, now the time has come at last!
pure, gra - cious gift to hu - man - kind!

3 Une étable est son logement,
un peu de paille est sa couchette.
Une étable est son logement:
pour un Dieu, quel abaissement!

Refrain

4 Ô Jésus! Ô roi tout-puissant!
Tout petit enfant que vous êtes,
Ô Jésus! Ô roi tout-puissant!
Régnez sur nous entièrement.

Refrain

3 Lowly lodged in a stable poor,
laid on straw for his infant cradle.
Lowly lodged in a stable poor,
God come down to our mortal aid.

Refrain

4 Jesus, Lord of all the world,
coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world,
grant to us your heavenly peace.

Refrain

Prière de Noël

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Aujourd'hui les anges chantent dans le ciel: chante avec eux!
Gloire à Dieu au plus haut des cieux!

Aujourd'hui les bergers viennent à Bethléem: viens avec eux!
Gloire à Dieu au plus haut des cieux!

Ils trouvent Joseph et Marie et l'enfant nouveau-né: cherche avec eux!
Gloire à Dieu au plus haut des cieux!