

# **A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF**

# *Lessons* & *Carols*



**December 24, 2025**  
**11:00 PM**

Officiating: Rev. Zachary Hopple

Organist: Karen Fallows

Guitarist: Chad Hussein

Vocalists: Rev. Truman Brooks, Anne Campbell, Peg Carter, Ken Dickinson

Readers: Rev. Truman Brooks, Jen Hopple, Jeanmarie Loss

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## **We are so glad you are worshipping with us tonight!**

- \* Please take a moment to silence your phones.
- \* We never mind the sounds of children in worship. However, if you feel like you need extra space for your child to move around, there are toys in the lobby as well as unstaffed nursery with a glider to the left of the sanctuary as you exit. Changing tables can be found in the restrooms.
- \* Glow sticks are available for people who do not want to use candles during the candlelight portion of the service.
- \* While lighting the candles, please hold the lit candle vertically and allow your neighbor to light their candle off of yours. Please extinguish candles cautiously after the benediction.
- \* The asterisk (\*) indicates for you to stand, only if you are able.
- \* For those gathering virtually, we invite you to find the following items if you wish: bread and juice (for communion), candle/glow stick (for Silent Night).

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

“Greensleeves”

arr. R. Purvis

GREETING

ADVENT READING & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**O Holy God, the one who is, who was and who is to come, thank you. Thank you for sending us Jesus, the one who is incarnate, the one who is with us in all things. Thank you for the peace that you give to us, the hope you instill in us, the joy that dwells in us, and the love that surpasses all things. Thank you for making the impossible possible and breathing new life into us. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“Once in Royal David’s City”

No. 250

BIDDING PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **LESSONS AND CAROLS**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

\*CAROL

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

No. 196

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18

CAROL

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 211 (v. 1, 2, 4, 7)

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CAROL

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

No. 216 (v. 1, 2)

FOURTH LESSON: Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 230 (v. 1, 4)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY	"Gentle Mary"	arr. W. Held				
FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 CAROL	<b>"To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"</b>	No. 215 (v. 1,6)				
SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 *CAROL	<b>"He Is Born"</b>	No. 228				
SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16 CAROL	<b>"The First Noel"</b>	No. 245 (v. 1, 2)				
EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11 CAROL	<b>"We Three Kings"</b>	No. 254 (v. 1, 5)				
NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-5, 9-14 CAROL	<b>"O Come All Ye Faithful"</b>	No. 234 (v. 1, 2, 6)				
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE	"To Be Determined"	Rev. Zachary Hopple				
HOLY COMMUNION		No. 15				
*CANDLE LIGHTING	<b>"Silent Night, Holy Night"</b>	No. 239				
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*BLESSING						
*RESPONSE	Leader: Go forth in peace and joy. <b>People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!</b>					
*RECESSIONAL HYMN	<b>"Joy to the World"</b>	No. 246 (v. 1, 2)				
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POSTLUDE	"Joy to the World"	arr. W. Held				



## Are you interested in joining CUMC or learning more about our church?

Starting January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, we will have a 3-week Getting to Know CUMC class following the 11:00 AM service. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Zach to register. Lunch will be provided. There is no commitment to join our church if you take this class.

### Special Thanks

Another year has come and gone, and I want to thank you. It is a pleasure to worship with you and serve you here at Christ UMC. I thank you all for the love and support that you share with me and my family. We are truly blessed to be a part of this amazing congregation. I pray you have a Merry Christmas and may God bless this new year.

I want to offer a special "thank you" to Pastor Tawny, our office and building staff, our music and tech staff, and our volunteers who help with communion or serve as greeters, ushers, singers, A/V techs, counters, those who fold the bulletins, and so many more. Without you, this service would not be possible.

Thank you! -Pastor Zach and family

### Please join us for our Weekly Worship Services

8:30 AM: In-person service, communion weekly

9:45 AM: Free Sunday School for all ages

10:40 AM: In-person & livestreamed contemporary Praise & Worship

11:00 AM: In-person & livestreamed service, communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Watch the livestream on our website or our YouTube channel.

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**+++To hear the sermon again** or to listen to any sermons you may have missed, please visit our website and click "Sermon Audio", under the "[Online Worship](#)" tab.

**Sign up for Weekly Emails:** please visit our website and click "events-sign-ups", look for "CUMC EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENT LIST SIGN UP"

## Once in Royal David's City

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1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle  
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of  
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day, like us he  
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing

shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a  
 all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his  
 grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and  
 love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed; Ma - ry, lov - ing moth - er  
 cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the  
 smiles like us he knew; and he feel - eth for our  
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
 low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.  
 on to the place where he is gone.

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
 yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of  
 spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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## 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on  
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en - sign of thy

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law  
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

*Refrain*  
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 all peo - ples on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home.  
 The captives from their prison free,  
 and conquer death's deep misery.  
*Refrain*
6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 our spirits by thy justice here;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Refrain*
7. O come, Desire of nations bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind.  
 From dust thou brought us forth to life;  
 deliver us from earthly strife.  
*Refrain*

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986  
 VENI EMMANUEL  
 LM with Refrain  
 MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

Sts. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab © 1940, 1943, renewed 1981 The Church Pension Fund; trans. sts. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House; antiphons © 1962 Sisters of St. Benedict

# Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 216

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in  
 3. O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as those of old have  
 mind; with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er  
 air, dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery -

sung. It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 where. True man yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, 15th cent. German; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894; st. 3 from  
*The Hymnal*, 1940 (ls. 35:1-2)

ES IST EIN ROS  
 76.76.676

MUSIC: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1609

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PROMISED COMING, *see further:*

720 *Wake Awake for Night Is Flying*

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

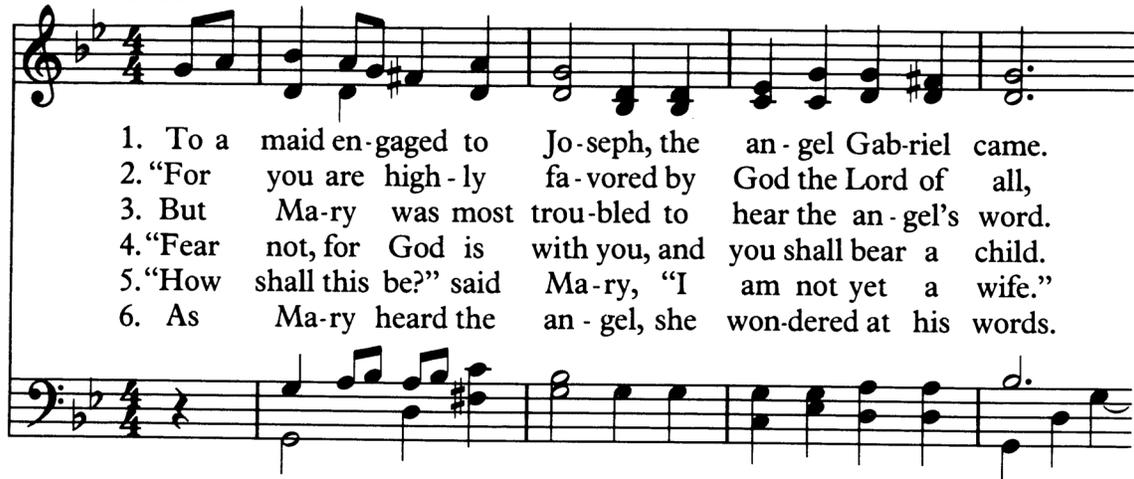
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;  
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given;  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

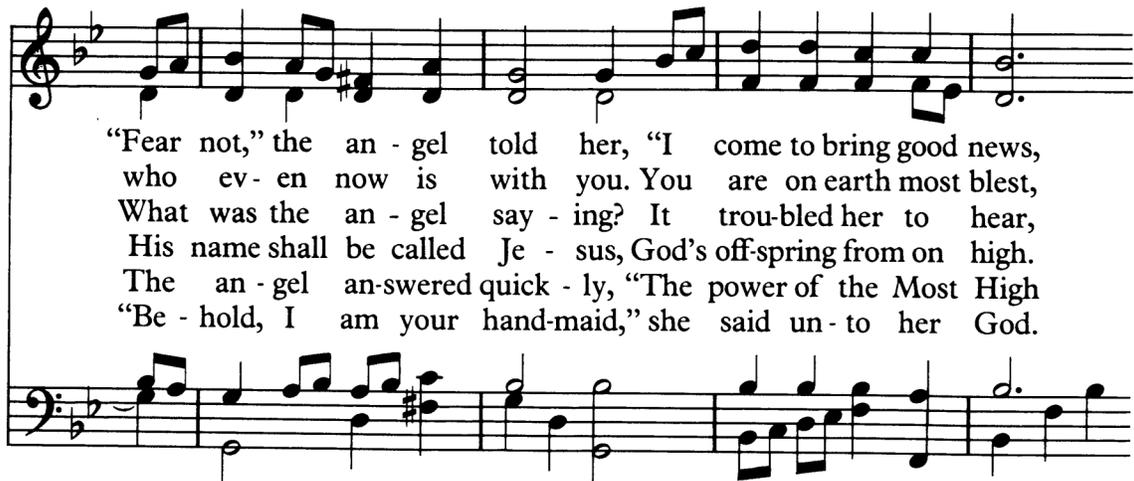
Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;  
 O morn - ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

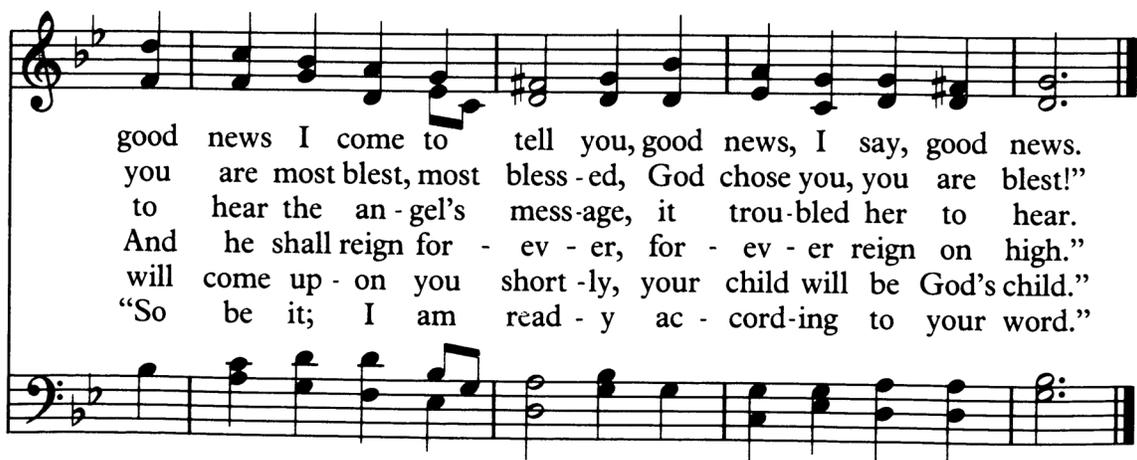
## 215 To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

*Unison*


1. To a maid en-gaged to Jo-seph, the an-gel Gab-riel came.  
 2. "For you are high-ly fa-vored by God the Lord of all,  
 3. But Ma-ry was most trou-bled to hear the an-gel's word.  
 4. "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.  
 5. "How shall this be?" said Ma-ry, "I am not yet a wife."  
 6. As Ma-ry heard the an-gel, she won-dered at his words.



"Fear not," the an-gel told her, "I come to bring good news,  
 who ev-en now is with you. You are on earth most blest,  
 What was the an-gel say-ing? It trou-bled her to hear,  
 His name shall be called Je-sus, God's off-spring from on high.  
 The an-gel an-swered quick-ly, "The power of the Most High  
 "Be-hold, I am your hand-maid," she said un-to her God.



good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news.  
 you are most blest, most bless-ed, God chose you, you are blest!"  
 to hear the an-gel's mess-age, it trou-bled her to hear.  
 And he shall reign for-ev-er, for-ev-er reign on high."  
 will come up-on you short-ly, your child will be God's child."  
 "So be it; I am read-y ac-cord-ing to your word."

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## He Is Born

(Il Est Né)

*Refrain (Unison)*

He is born, the ho - ly Child, play the o - boe and  
 Il est né, le di - vin En - fant, jou - ez haut - bois ré - son -

bag - pipes mer - ri - ly! He is born, the ho - ly Child,  
 nez mu - set - tes! Il est né, le di - vin En - fant,

*Fine Optional S.A.*

sing we all of the Sav - ior mild. 1. Thru long a - ges  
 chan - tons tous son a - vè - ne - ment! 2. O how love - ly,  
 3. Je - sus, Lord of

of the past, proph - ets have fore - told his com - ing;  
 O how pure is this per - fect child of heav - en;  
 all the world, com - ing as a child a - mong us,

WORDS: Trad. 19th cent. French carol; trans. anon.  
 MUSIC: 18th cent. French carol; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

IL EST NÉ  
 78.77 with Refrain

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## The First Noel

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1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the  
 3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -  
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full rev - erent -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay  
 east, be - yond them far; and to the earth it  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was  
 hem it took its rest; and there it did both  
 ly up - on the knee, and of - fered there, in

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 stop and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 his pres - ence, their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-12)  
 MUSIC: Trad. English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

THE FIRST NOEL  
 Irr. with Refrain

## We Three Kings

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and

gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,  
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 God and sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,

moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.  
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
 1. A - des - te, fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes; ve -  
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal,  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O  
 \* 4. See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra - dle,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem.  
 ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.  
 lo, he shuns not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!  
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lor - um.  
 Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

*Refrain*  
 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,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.  
 ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.

\*\* 6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning,  
 Jesus, to thee be  
 all glory given.  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing:

*Refrain*

# Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
 1. *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht*  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight;  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won-drous star, lend thy light;



round you vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in-fant, so ten-der and mild,  
*nur das trau-te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar, Hold - er Kna - be mit lock - i - gem Haar,*  
 glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far, heav-en-ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ra-diant beams from thy ho-ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
 with the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
*schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh, schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh.*  
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!



WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young;  
 st. 4 trans. anon. (Lk. 2:6-20)  
 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

STILLE NACHT  
 Irr.

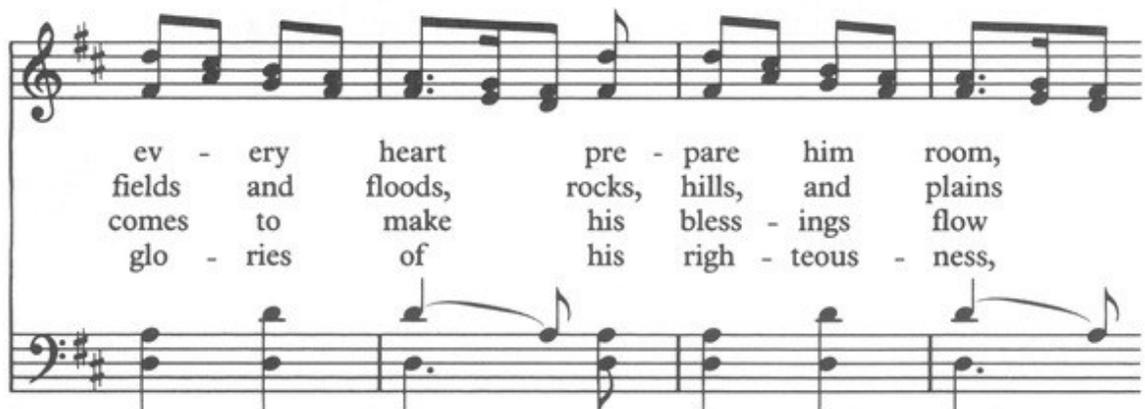
## Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,



Let earth re - ceive her King; let  
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while  
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he  
 and makes the na - tions prove the



ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

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

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