

## **Order of Worship**

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*  
*December 24, 2025*

### **PRELUDE**

#### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 9:2, 3 and 6)**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**Congregation:** Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Leader: You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;

**Congregation:** They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

**Congregation:** And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

#### **\*HYMN 195**

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

#### **\*INVOCATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 7:10-17

#### **HYMN 194**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Micah 5:1-5a

#### **HYMN 201**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”



# **S**OVEREIGN GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 1:26-28, 46-56

**\*HYMN 230**

“Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All  
Splendor”

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7

**HYMN 213**

“What Child Is This”

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 2:8-20

**\*HYMN 214**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-11

**\*HYMN 218**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

**CHRISTMAS MEDITATION**

“The Last Song: Why Jesus Was Born”  
Revelation 19:6-9

**\*HYMN 208**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

(lighting of candles)

**\*HYMN 210**

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*Congregation Standing

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

King;	let	ev -	ery	heart	pre -	pare	him	room,
play;	while	fields	and	floods,	rocks,	hills,	and	plains
ground;	he	comes	to	make	his	bless -	ings	flow
prove	the	glo -	ries	of	his	rich -	teous -	ness

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

sing,	and	heav'n,	and	heav'n	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.

heav'n and na - ture sing,



# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

194

*"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"  
declares the LORD. Is. 59:20*

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
 4. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

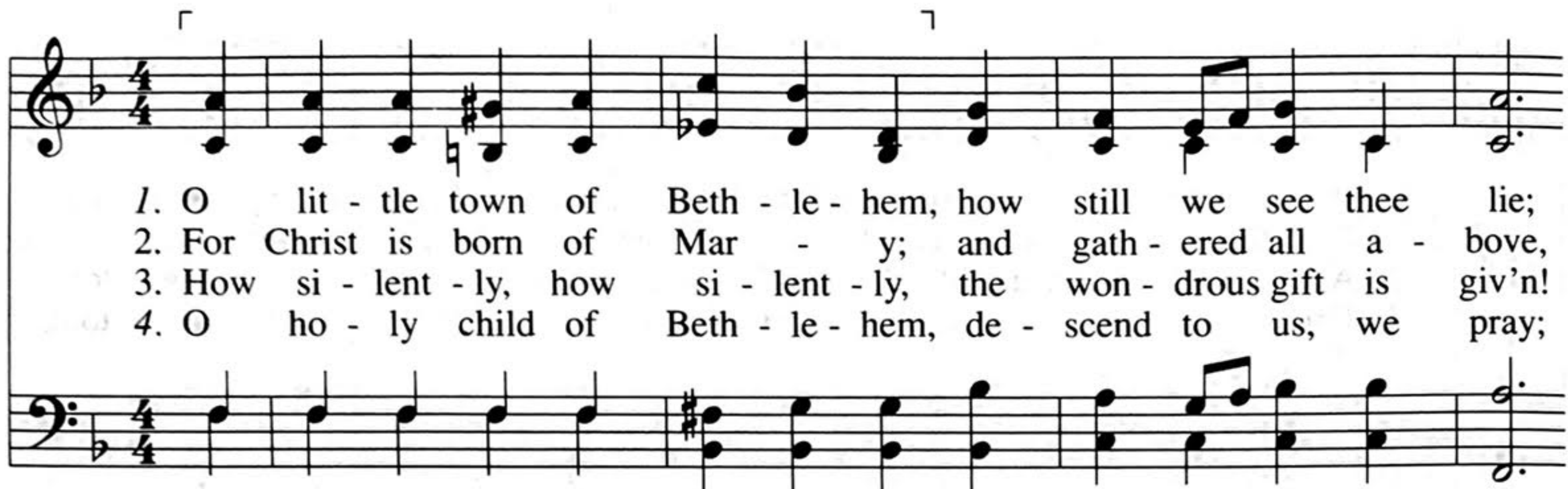
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

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



## O Little Town of Bethlehem

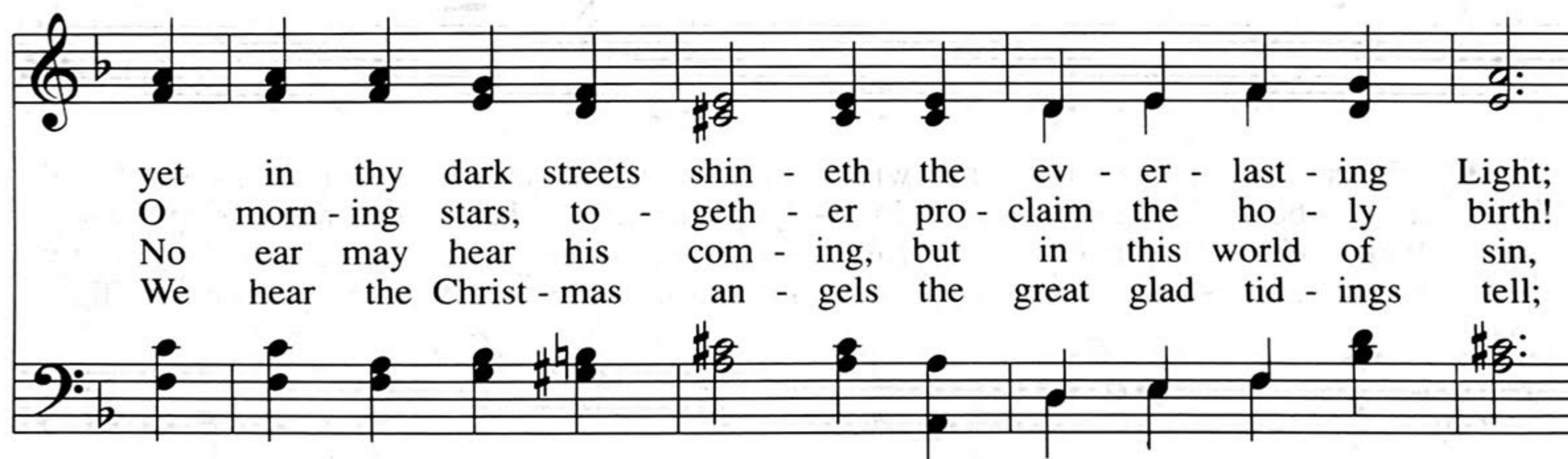
*Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small ... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Mic. 5:2*



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;  
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 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 - d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 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;



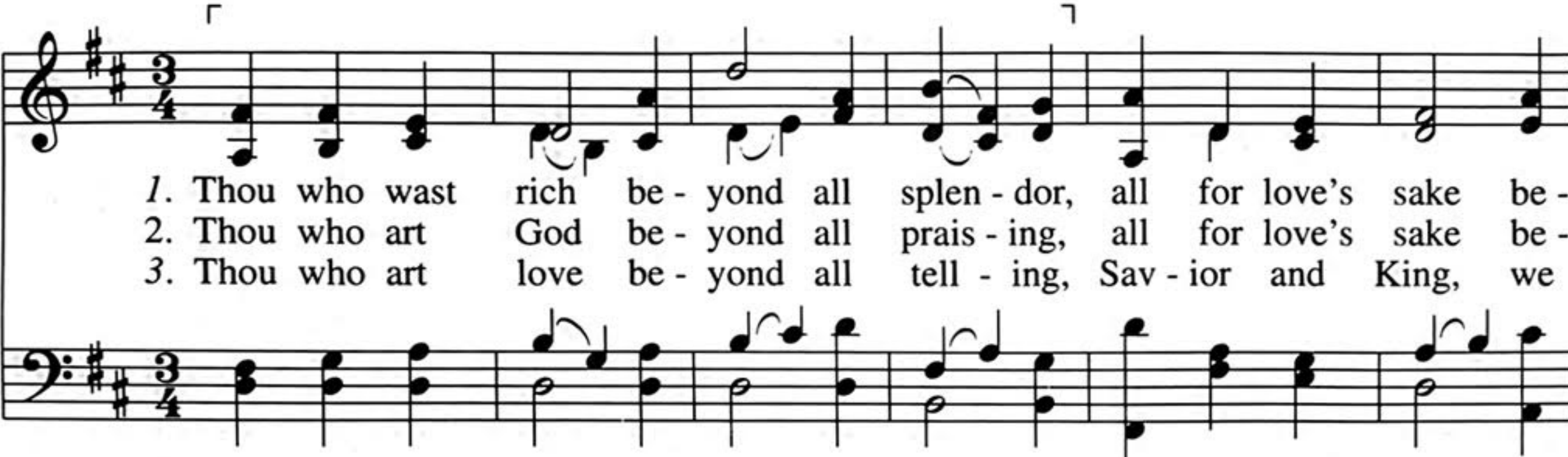
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.



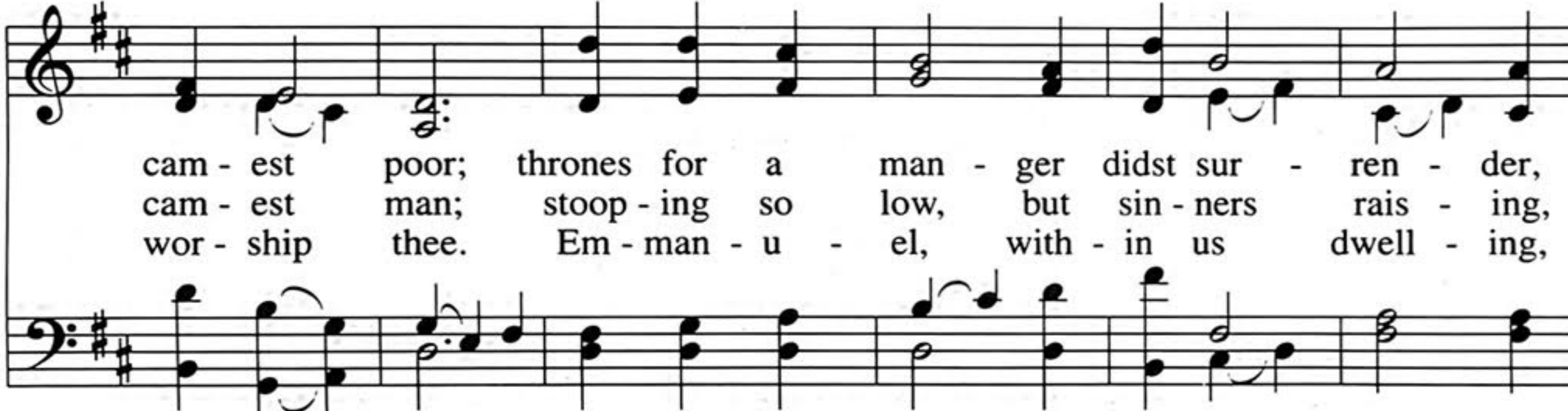
# Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

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*Our Lord Jesus Christ ... was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Cor. 8:9*




1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -  
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -  
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we



cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,



sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -  
 heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -  
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -




yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.  
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.  
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

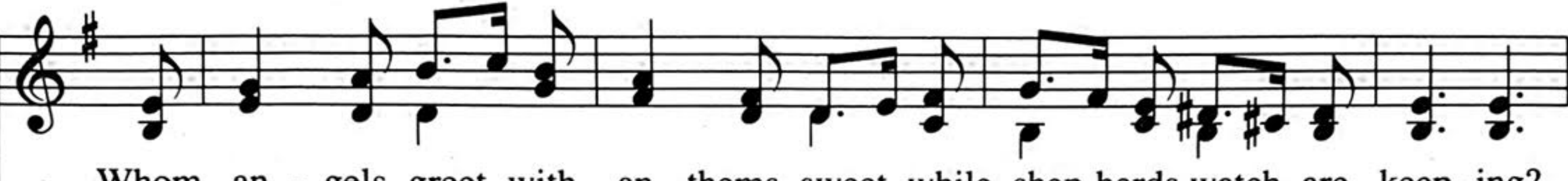


## What Child Is This

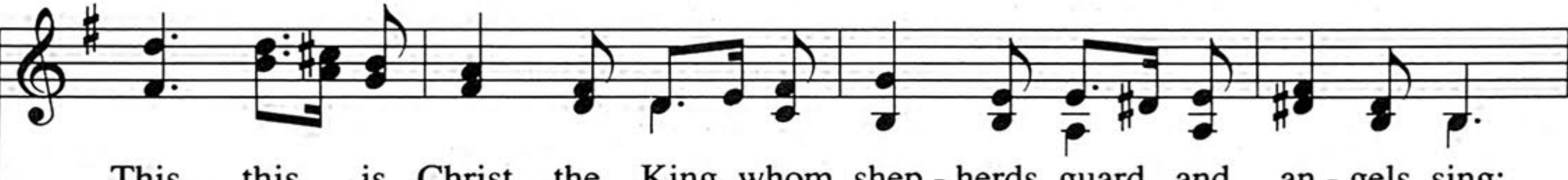
*Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2*




1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - 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.



# Angels We Have Heard on High

214

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*

Luke 2:14

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

REFRAIN

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.




# Angels, from the Realms of Glory


218

*They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.*

Matt. 2:11




1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch- ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem- pla- tions, bright- er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend- ing, watch- ing long in hope and fear,  
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais- ing God the Fa - ther, Spir- it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro- claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

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Come and wor- ship, come and wor- ship, wor - ship Christ, the new- born King.



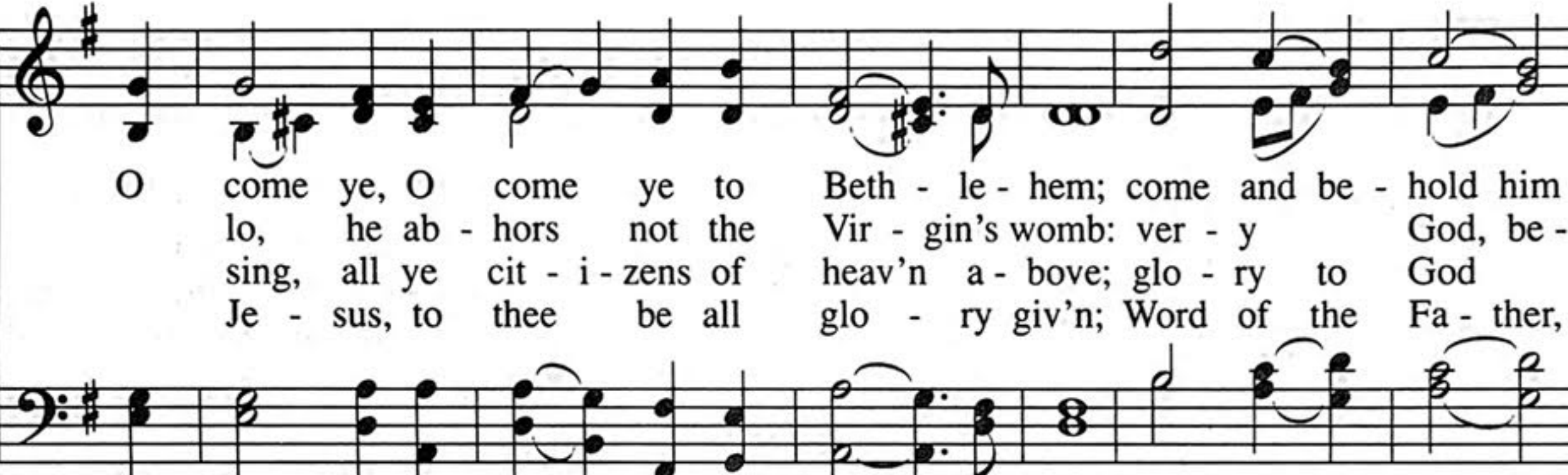
# O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15*




1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:



O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him  
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

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born the King of an - gels;  
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
 in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let  
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;



us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.



# Silent Night! Holy Night!

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*They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. Luke 2:16*

Capo 1:  $\Gamma$  B $\flat$ (A)

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B $\flat$ (A)

E $\flat$ (D)

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright round yon
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep- herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant
4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light; with the

B $\flat$ (A)

E $\flat$ (D)

B $\flat$ (A)

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;  
beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

F $^7$ (E $^7$ )

B $\flat$ (A)

$\Gamma$

F $^7$ (E $^7$ )

B $\flat$ (A)  $\Gamma$

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
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!