

Carol

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

#240 vs. 1 & 2

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Lesson Four:

Luke 2:1-7

Joe Asire

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Special Music

“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime/I Wonder as I Wander”

Lesson Five

Luke 2:8-20

Kathy Lindsay

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

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“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

#218 vs. 1 & 2

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 [all], from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through 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.

Lesson Six

Matthew 2:1-11

John Kersten

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

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“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#230 vs. 1 & 2

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.

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 all on earth!

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

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“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#234 vs. 1 & 6

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,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
 O come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Holy Communion

Consecration

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Version)

**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.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
 Amen.**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Carol / Candle Lighting

“Silent Night”

#239 vs. 1-3

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
 round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy infant, so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace,
 sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
 Christ the Savior is born,
 Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
 radiant beams from thy holy face
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
 Jesus, the Lord, at thy birth.

Benediction

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