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Is Born*

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Thursday, December 21, 2023

6:30 PM

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**380 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 heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-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, Ris'n 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 man no more may die,



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



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

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**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

L: To us . . .

**C: A Child is born!**

L: To us . . .

**C: A Son is given!**

L: This Christmas, we receive . . .

**C: The blessed gift of heaven.**

## NARRATIONS

### 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;



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!

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## ANTHEMS

### *"Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells"*

Preschool & Kindergarten

### *"In A Little Stable"*

(Text by H.W. Gockel; Music by E.W. Schoeter)

#### KINDERGARTEN:

Our God gave us a promise true:  
His Son would come for me and you.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE:

His grace and peace to us will bring:  
This Prince of Peace, this holy King.

**1ST GRADE & K :** To us a Child is born!

**C:** To us a Son is given!

### 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets

He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
Prom-ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some lines having two parts (1 and 3) for different vocal parts.

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### NARRATION

**7TH GRADE:** "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

**1ST GRADE:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**1ST & 7TH GRADE:** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

### 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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

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#### 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE:

The angels fill the nighttime air  
To sing and joyfully declare:  
"All praise to God in majesty;  
He sent His Son to set you free!"

2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE: To us a Child is born!

C: To us a Son is given!

#### ANTHEM

*"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"*  
by Kenneth Kosche

Children's Choir

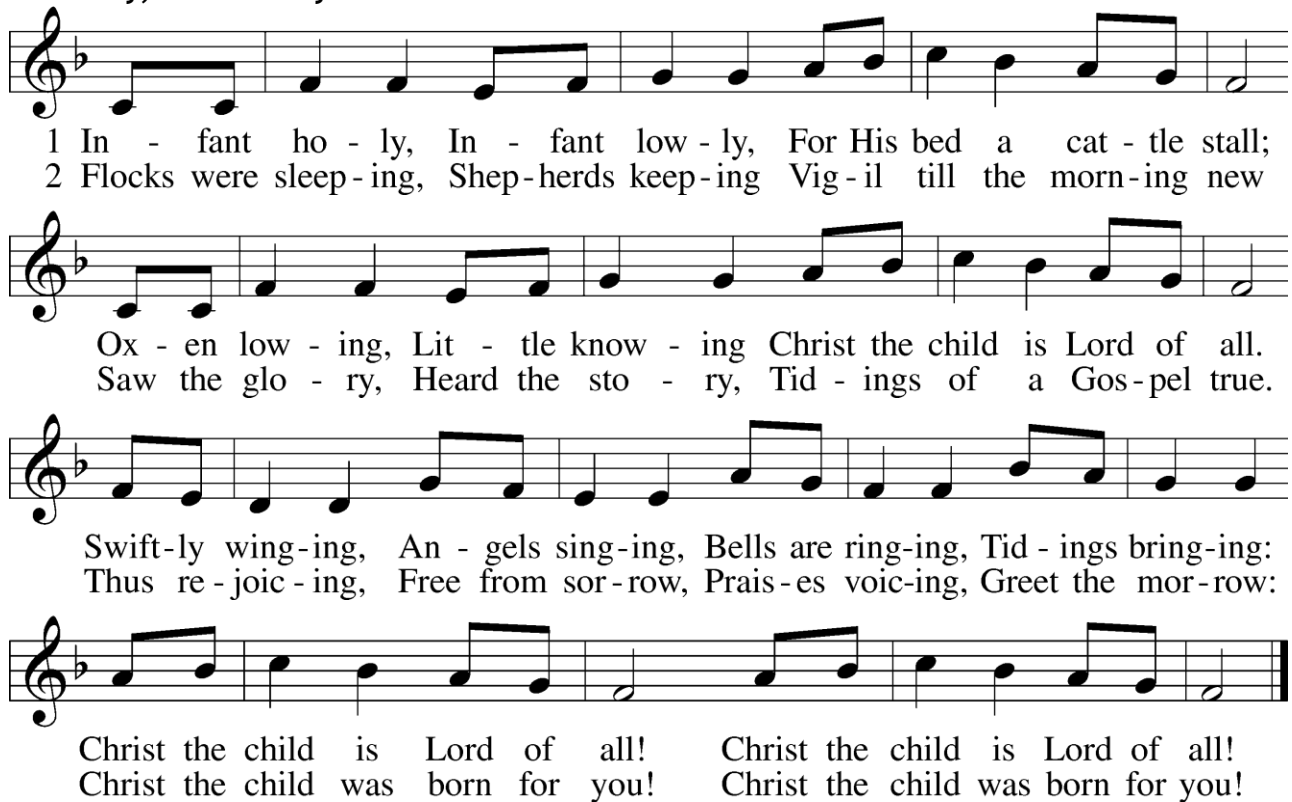
#### NARRATION

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

#### NARRATION

2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE: "But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."

### 393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
 2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new  
 Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
 Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.  
 Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:  
 Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:  
 Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
 Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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#### 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

O shepherds, go and see the sight  
 The angels gladly share this night.  
 For Jesus is the holy Lamb,  
 The Son of God, the great I Am.

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

And He is your Good Shepherd too;  
 He will lay down His life for you.  
 So listen to His voice each day:  
 He is the truth, the life, the way.

4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES: To us a Child is born!

C: To us a Son is given!

#### ANTHEMS

*"He Is Born"*  
 by Arnold B. Sherman

Junior Choir

*"On A Silent Night"*  
 by Joyce Eilers

#### NARRATIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN  
370 What Child Is This

3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

For unto us a Child is born;  
He came to sinners all forlorn.  
When we were trapped in sin and shame,  
He made us pure and took our blame.

This gift from God, this holy Son  
Died on the cross, salvation won.  
When He arose, He saved us all.  
Rejoicing, to our knees we fall!

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** To us a Child is born!

**C: To us a Son is given!**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**L:** To us . . .

**CHILDREN:** A Child is born!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**L:** To us . . .

**CHILDREN:** A Son is given!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**L:** This Christmas we receive . . .

**CHILDREN:** The blessed gift of heaven!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER**

Pastor Mark Stapleton

**L:** Let us pray,  
Father in heaven, thank You for sending us Your Son and our Savior, Jesus. Thank You for  
sending us the best gift of all: the Child in the manger who lived, died, and rose again for us. In  
His name we pray. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**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 and ever. Amen.**



*Congregation joins in singing final Refrain*

**Refrain:**

To us a Child is born,  
To us a Son is given.  
This Christmas we receive  
The blessed gift of heaven.

**BENEDICTION**

**387 Joy to the World**



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 - 'ry 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 heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n 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



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.

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