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The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day

A Service of Lessons and Carols
Friday, December 25, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Prelude: *Sing We Now Of Christmas*

Entrance Hymn:

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW #289 (Bulletin Pg. 4)

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Dialogue:

Leader: We come here to celebrate; a child has been born for us.

All: His name is called Wonderful Counselor, Good Shepherd, Lamb of God.

Leader: He is the babe of Bethlehem and the mighty Lord.

All: His name is called Savior, author of life, bread of life.

Leader: He is called friend and guide,

All: and we call him everlasting life and Prince of Peace and the one who brings love to all humankind.

Leader: People of God. Let us rejoice for the wondrous gift given to us.

All: Let us worship with joyous and thankful praise, God, our Immanuel, is with us. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray: All-powerful and unseen God,

All: the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

ELW # 272 (Bulletin Pg. 5)

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW # 279 (Bulletin Pg. 5)

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

ELW # 265 (Bulletin Pg. 6)

Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW # 283 (Bulletin Pg. 6)

Fifth Reading Luke 2:1-18

“Away in a Manger”

ELW # 277 (Bulletin Pg. 7)

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

“Love Has Come”

ELW #292 (Bulletin Pg. 7)

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

ELW #275 (Bulletin Pg. 8)

Responsive Prayer:

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today, and sing of your amazing love, that songs cannot repay.

For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end.

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word.

We honor and adore you, our great and mighty king.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King.

And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph our sorrows and rise to bless you still;

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. Amen

Holy Communion/Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Receive the Body and Blood of Christ

Blessing and Dismissal:

Go forth carrying Christmas in your hearts. Whatever you face this week, fun or stress, remember that Christ is with you; remember that God loves you; remember that the message of Christmas — the true meaning of Christmas — isn't confined to a day, a week or a month. Allow the grace of God to flow through your hearts, allow that grace to give you wings of wisdom and understanding so that where ever you go, whomever you meet, you may carry God's torch of love to quietly and kindly illuminate the paths of those living in darkness. **Amen**

Sending Hymn:

“Got Tell It on the Mountain”

ELW # 290 (Bulletin Pg. 8)

Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High

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 - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some 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.

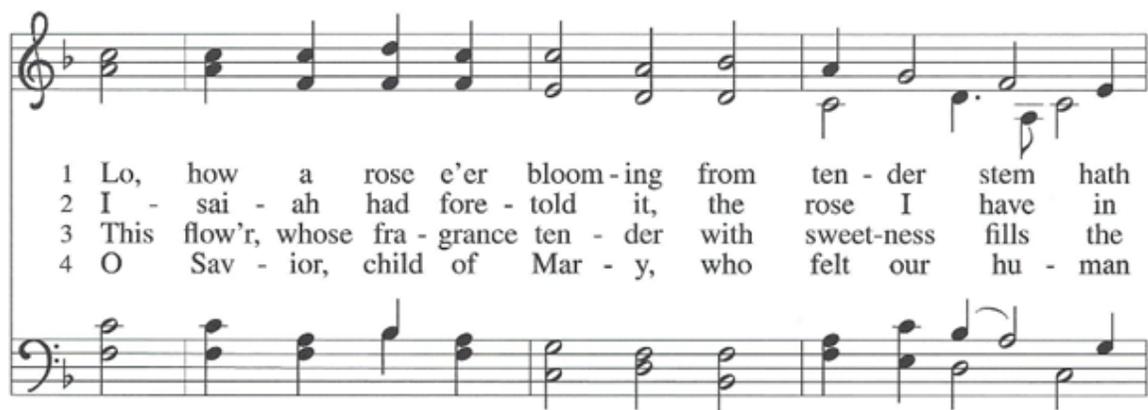
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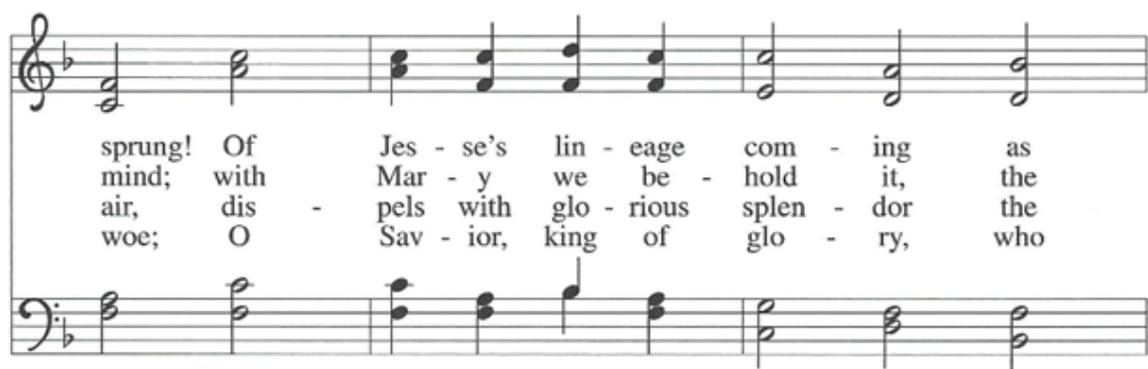
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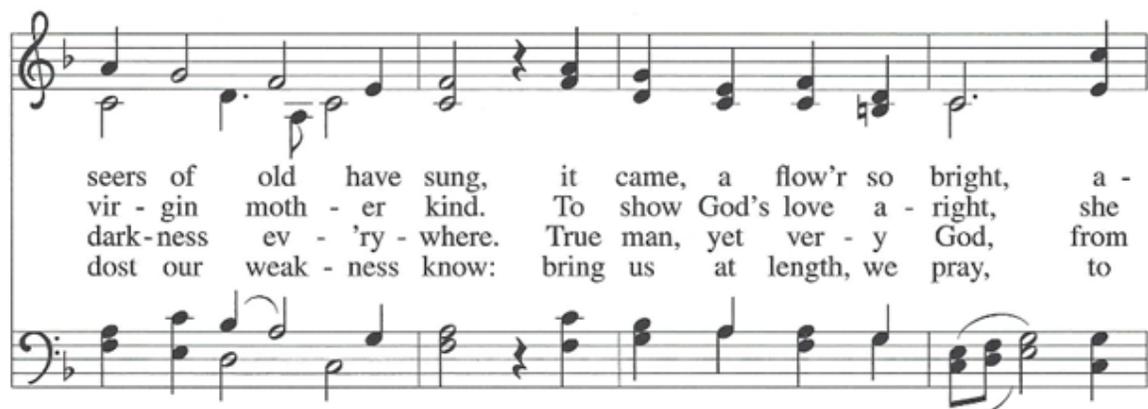
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

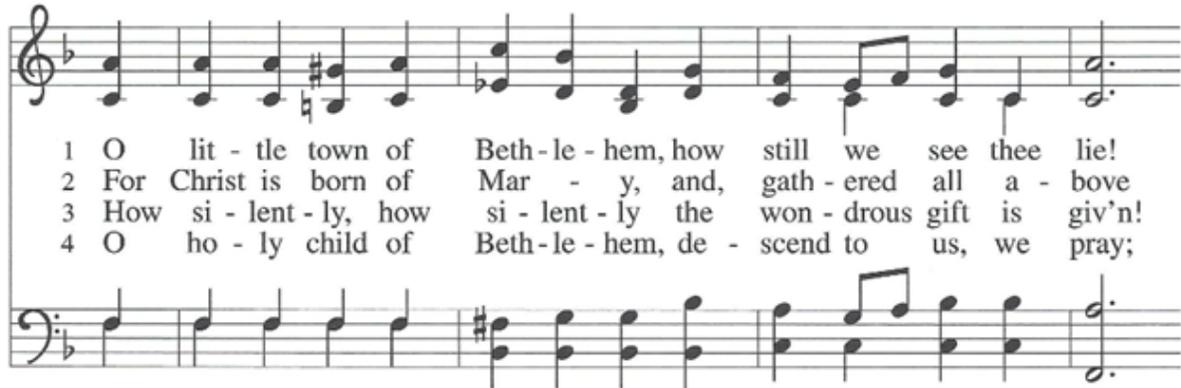


seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

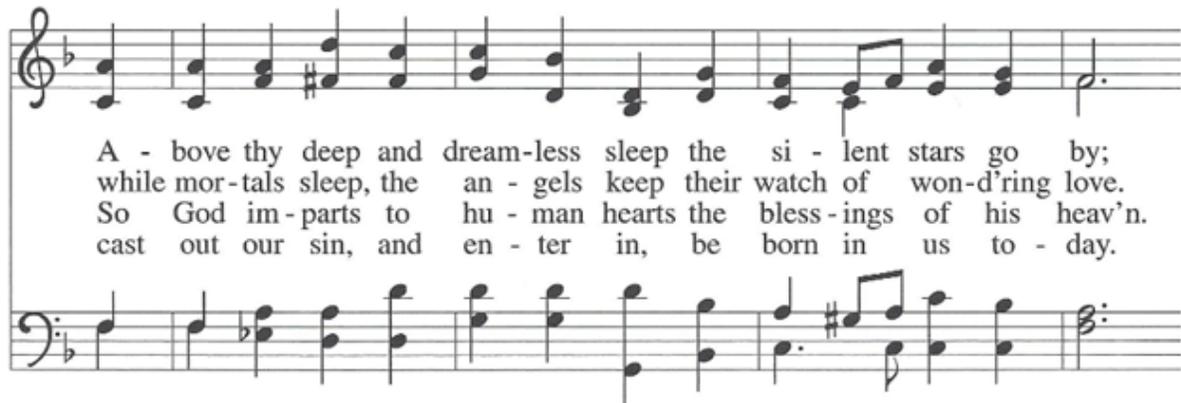


mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

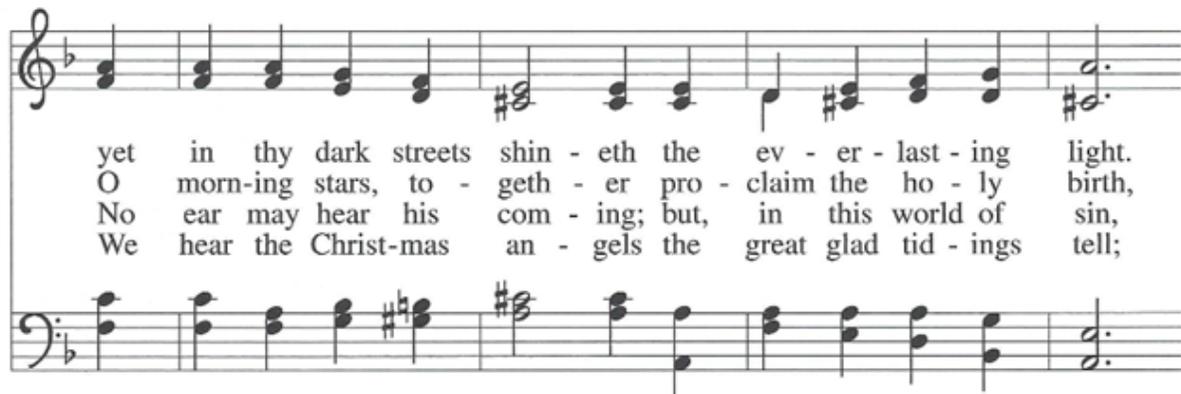
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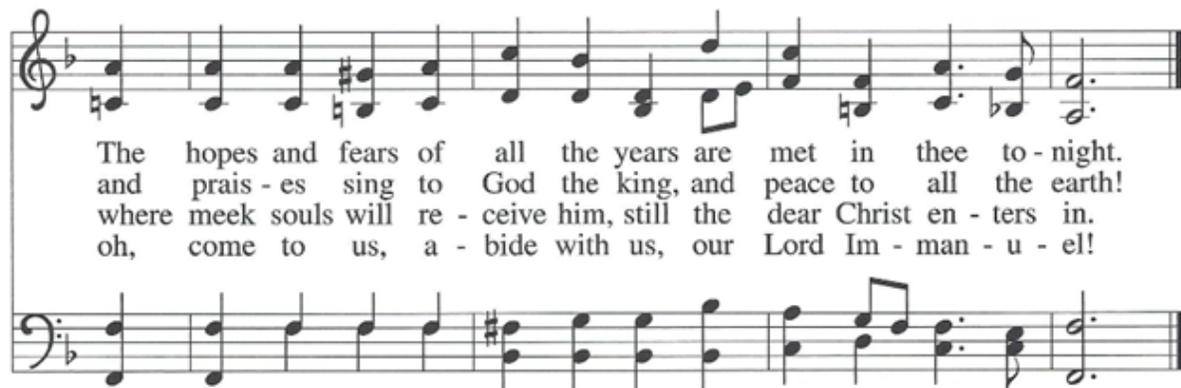
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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 all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

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1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 Glo - ri - a!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

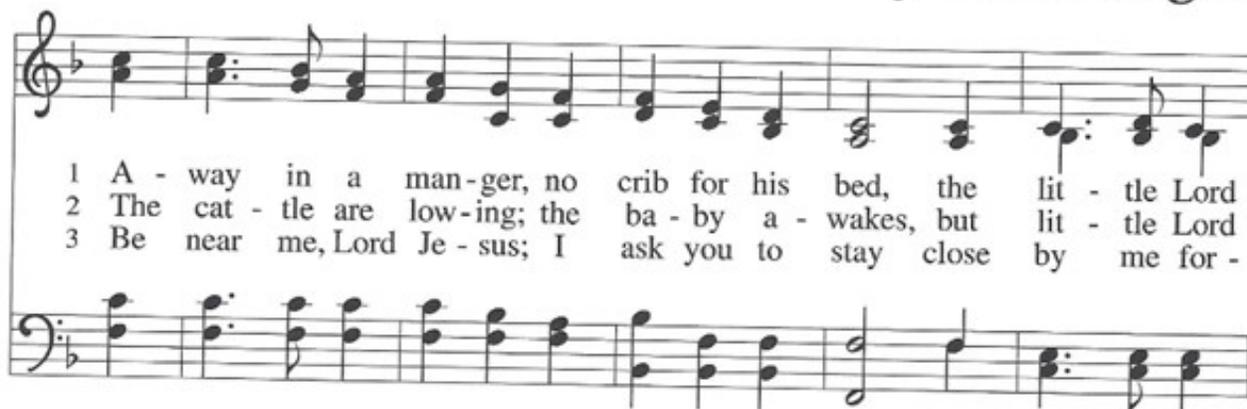
come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

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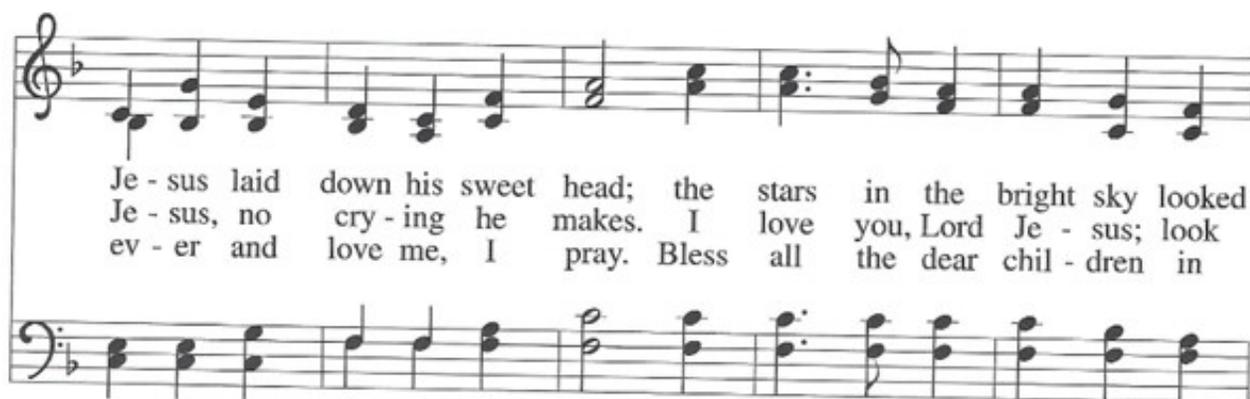
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 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

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

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

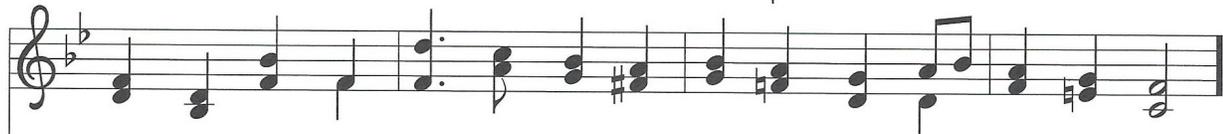
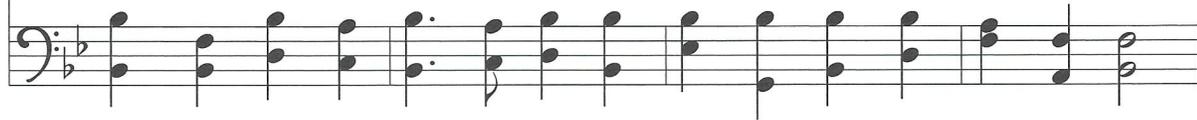


you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

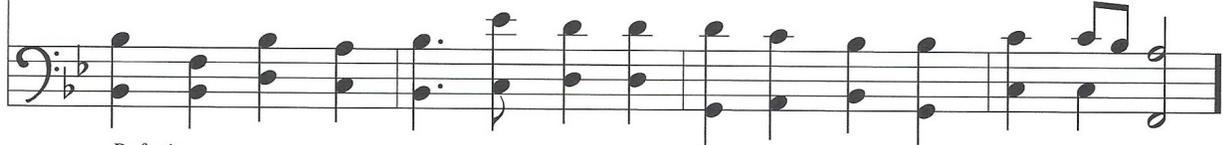
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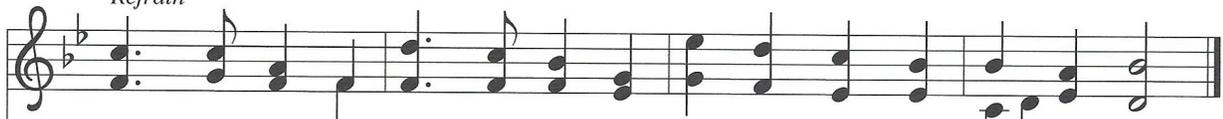
- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the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



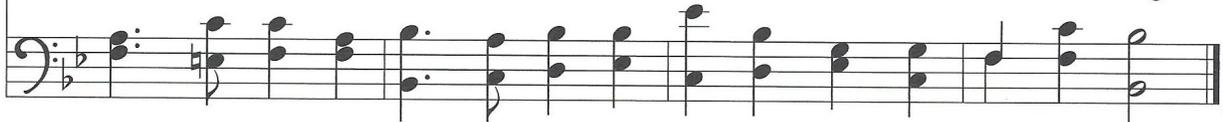
once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.



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



Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



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;



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



Merry
Christmas!