



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2020, 6 p.m.

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INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The angel said to the shepherds, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign for you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying:


All: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!'

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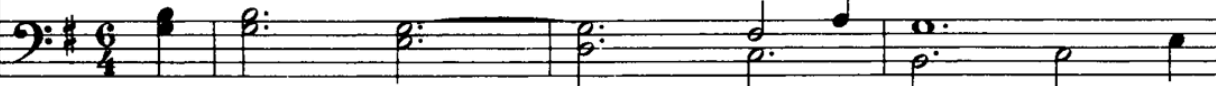
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10


Unison




1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the
 2. Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er
 3. When sin de - parts be - fore Your grace, then life and health come
 4. All out of dark - ness we have light which made the an - gels




Harmony



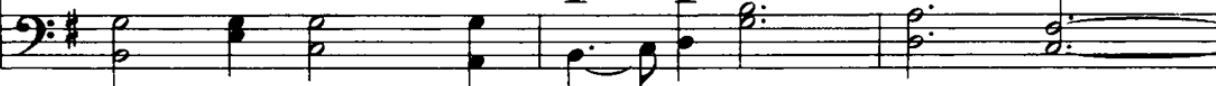
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 sing this night; all out of dark - ness we have light, which



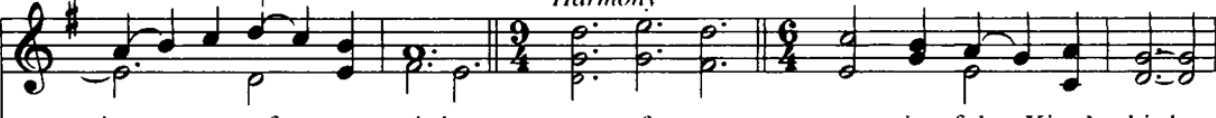
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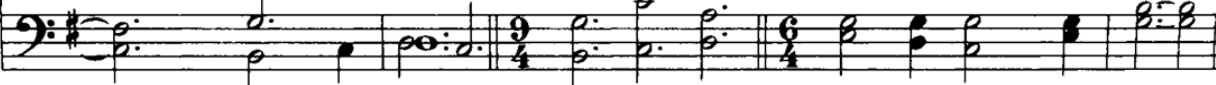
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 life and health come in its place; an - gels and
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to



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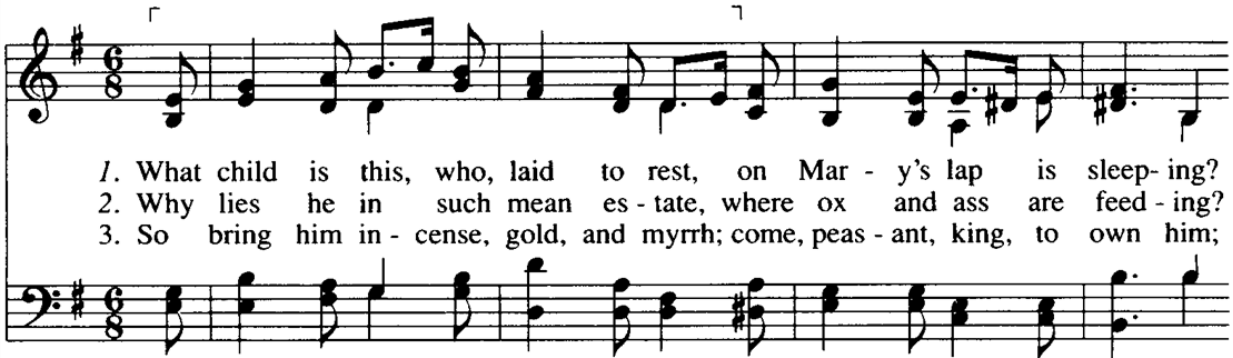
joy, news of great mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 sin he set us free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty.
 men with joy may sing, all for to see the new - born King.
 God and peace to men, now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."



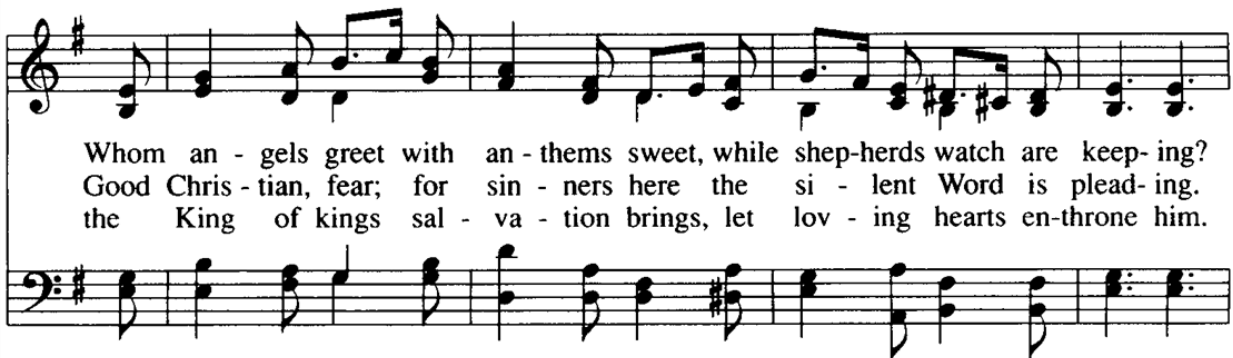
*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

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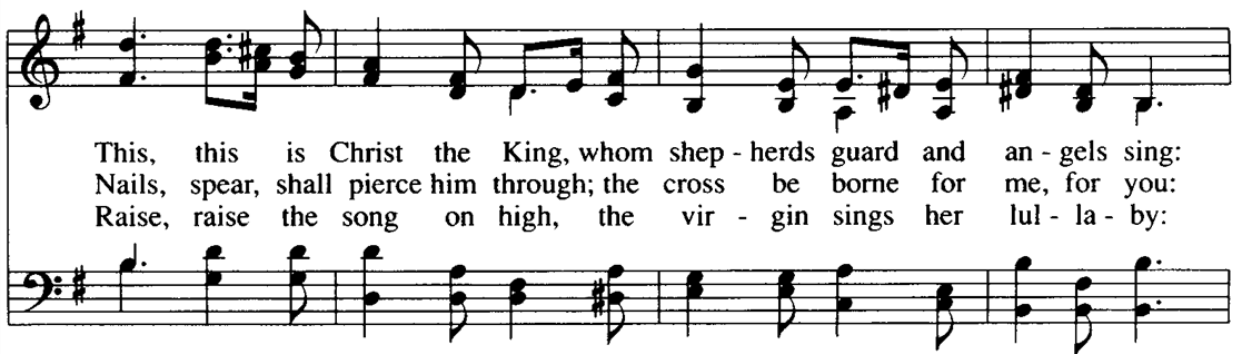
What Child Is This

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


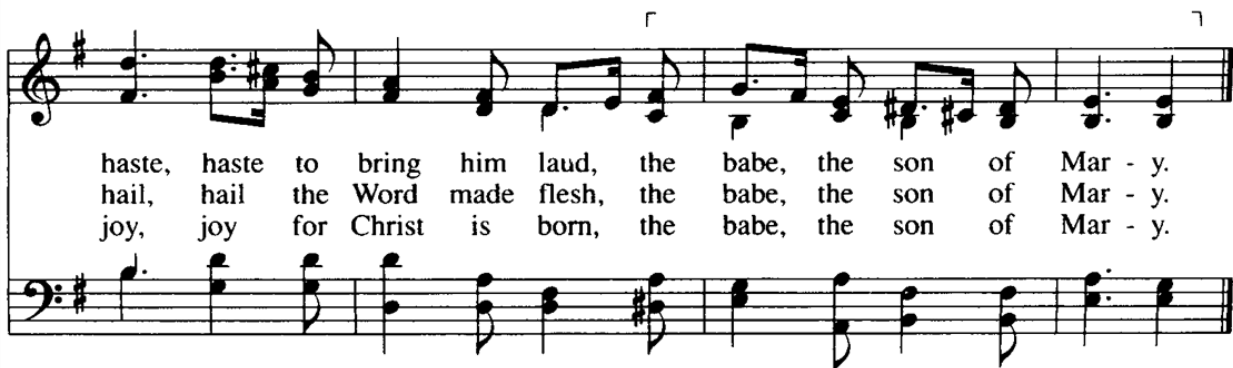
1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep- ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



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.

Matthew 1:18-25**The Birth of Jesus Christ**

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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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.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

At this time, we do not plan to collect the offering by passing the plate. These are available in the back of the sanctuary. Online or mail-in giving are still encouraged, but you can drop a check in the plate if that is more convenient.

ONLINE: <http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/>

MAIL: Please mail tithe checks (no cash) to the treasurer's address. She will immediately deposit to the church's account and forward the Wells Fargo e-mail confirmation to you:

Marilyn Spencer - BPC Treasurer
3020 Shaker Drive
Charlotte, NC 28210

THIS SUNDAY AT BPC

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship – In Person and Live Streamed

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6:00 p.m. Evening Worship – Live Streamed **ONLY**

****NO In-Person Worship Tonight****

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THIS WEEK

Dec. 27 No In-Person EVENING Worship - Live-Stream Only

Dec. 30 No Prayer Meeting or Youth Group

Jan. 1 No Men's Bible Study

SAVE THE DATES

Jan. 14 Women's Bible Study Begins

Jan. 17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Special Offering

Jan. 23 Youth Photo Scavenger Hunt

Feb. 14 Deacons' Benevolence Offering

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Weekly Services

Mid-week Prayer Meeting – Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m.