



# Saints & Angel Hosts Rejoice

**A Children's Christmas Service  
Focusing on the Songs of Luke's Gospel**

by James Moeller

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This Christmas Kit contains the complete Leader's Guide, a sample bulletin cover, and a CD, which includes the following:

1. PDF of this Leader's Guide
2. RTF file of the service copy master, including hymn lyrics
3. PDF sample of the bulletin cover
4. PDF and PNG graphic files of the logo and banner for the service
5. MIDI files of the hymn accompaniments
6. WAV files of vocal and accompaniment recordings of the hymns
7. "Zechariah and Elizabeth," an original song for this service by Linda Moeller (PDF and associated MIDI/WAV files)
8. "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart," a setting of Luther's "Nunc Dimittis" (CW 274 text) to original music by Ian Welch (PDF and associated MIDI/WAV files)

**General Service Notes**

1. *Saints and Angel Hosts Rejoice* is a children's service that focuses on the songs of believers and angels as recorded in Luke's gospel. These songs—whose Latin names have become part of liturgical worship nomenclature and are sung regularly—speak of God's promises made and fulfilled, and the joyful heart that responds to God's faithfulness. The praise and proclamation of these early believers—prompted by the Holy Spirit—are ours as well, who by faith cling to and rejoice in the promises of God.
2. The hymn and song suggestions correlate to the spoken portions of the service that immediately precede them. Corresponding hymn numbers have also been supplied from *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary* (ELH) and *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB). In many cases select stanzas are suggested, though all stanzas may be sung if desired. You may substitute other hymns or Christmas songs, but the texts of those songs should reflect the content for that point in the service. Assign hymns, stanzas of hymns, or other songs to groups as desired. For some portions of this service, a related song available from Northwestern Publishing House is suggested as an alternative to the hymn listed, to be sung either by the children or by an adult choir. You might also consider using choir settings of the suggested hymns for children or adults.
3. Narrations and recitations can be assigned to children, lay readers, pastors, and/or the congregation to accommodate any congregation size or situation.
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7. You may duplicate the copy master of the entire service or adapt the RTF file found on the service CD as needed to meet your local needs. Recitation of the Scripture references is optional. The RTF file on the CD may be used to prepare a service folder and includes the texts of the hymns, which are not printed in this Leader’s Guide.
8. The CD includes accompaniment tracks (MIDI and WAV formats) for the hymns in the service. These may be used for rehearsal or accompaniment in the service. Both formats will play on a computer media player. The MIDI files may also be played through a MIDI-compatible keyboard that reads standard MIDI files. Consult the keyboard manual for additional information on using the files. (Note: The hymn accompaniments are not designed to accompany a large congregation.)
9. Demonstration vocal tracks are also included for the hymns. These may be useful in teaching the hymns to children.
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NOTE: “Benedictus” (Song of Zechariah), “Magnificat” (Song of Mary), “Gloria in excelsis Deo” (Song of the Angels), and “Nunc Dimittis” (Song of Simeon) are found among the liturgies of the *Christian Worship* product line and also in the “Hymns of the Liturgy” section of the *Christian Worship* hymnal. If you wish to consider settings of these canticles beyond those suggested in this kit, consult those that appear in *Christian Worship* resources. Many of those settings are familiar from their regular use in worship, and using them in this service would highlight the connection between the Christmas account and their systematic use in liturgical worship.

# Saints & Angel Hosts



# Rejoice

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### A Children's Christmas Service Focusing on the Songs of Luke's Gospel

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**Processional Hymn:** "Joy to the World" (CW 62, ELH 138, LSB 387)

*Please stand for the singing of the fourth stanza*

#### **Invocation:**

**Minister:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**Call to Worship** (selected verses from Psalm 95 and Luke 1)

**M:** Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

**C: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

**M:** Let us come before him with thanksgiving

**C: And extol him with music and song.**

**M:** Come, let us bow down in worship,

**C: Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

**M:** The rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine light on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,

**C: To guide our feet into the path of peace.**

**M:** Unto us the Christ is born.

**C: Come, let us worship him!**

**Reading:** (read by the pastor or other designated reader)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-9,14)

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregational Hymn:** "Hosanna to the Coming Lord" stanza 1 (CW 21) and stanza 2 (original lyrics based on John 1)

Introduction: Songs From Luke's Gospel

**Narration:**



At this time of year, we hear and sing a lot of special music that has been written and composed for the Advent and Christmas seasons—carols and hymns that celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. Tonight we will hear the verses of the very first Christmas, as recorded in the gospel of Luke. For centuries these words of God’s saints and angels have been set to music and sung by believers. The songs remind us of the gift of God’s Son, Jesus, as our Savior and the redeeming work he has done for all of us. Tonight we hear this message of comfort as these saints and angel hosts rejoice.

**Recitation:**

O God, your love goes round and round the people of the earth.  
And now we pray, oh, give to us the joy of Jesus’ birth.

**Hymn:** “Away in a Manger” stanzas 1,3 (CW 68, ELH 119, LSB 365)

Part One: Good News in the Old Testament

**Narration:**

When God created the first humans, Adam and Eve, he placed them in the Garden of Eden. God told them they could eat from any tree in the garden except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. All of God’s creation was perfect and very good.

But then Adam and Eve sinned. The devil came to Adam and Eve in the form of a snake. He deceived Adam and Eve by raising doubts in their minds about what God had said. They ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, disobeying God. Then Adam and Eve realized their sin. Because of their sin, they would experience consequences. Their work would be difficult; one of their sons would kill his brother; they would experience pain, hardships, and torment. And finally, they would die, turning back to the dust from which they were created. The same would happen to all of their descendants—to every human being ever born.

In his love for Adam and Eve and everyone who would come after them—in his love for you and me—God promised a Savior from sin. God would send his one and only Son to be their Savior and ours. This first promise of this Savior is found in Genesis chapter 3, when God tells the devil:

**Recitation:**

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

**Narration:**

God did not forget his promise. He spoke the promise again and again to his people, including his chosen servant Abraham:

**Recitation:**

“I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:3)



**Narration:**

To Judah, the son of Jacob:

**Recitation:**

“The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.” (Genesis 49:10)

**Narration:**

To his chosen prophet Moses, who led God’s people from slavery in Egypt to the land God promised them:

**Recitation:**

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.” (Deuteronomy 18:15)

**Narration:**

And in the darkest of times, God’s prophet Isaiah would remind God’s people that the Savior was coming and what he would accomplish for all people:

**Song:** “Behold, a Branch Is Growing” stanzas 1,2,4 (CW 47, ELH 121, LSB 359 as “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”) or

“Isaiah Said” (NPH 2809060E) or

**Recitation:** *(only if the song is omitted)*

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:2,6)

**Narration:**

Later, God proclaimed his promise again through the prophet Jeremiah:

**Recitation:**

“In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.” (Jeremiah 33:15,16)

**Narration:**

Finally, four hundred years before the Savior was born, the last prophecy was given through Malachi:

**Recitation:**

“For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.” (Malachi 4:2)

**Narration:**

God repeated his promise of a Savior throughout the time of the Old Testament, and God would keep his promise!

**Hymn:** “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” stanzas 1-3 (CW 35, ELH 181, LSB 384)

Part II: The Song of Zechariah (“Benedictus”)

**Narration:**

When the time was right, God continued with his plan of salvation. At that time there lived a priest of the Lord whose name was Zechariah. He was married to Elizabeth. While serving in the temple, the angel Gabriel came to Zechariah and announced that he and his wife would have a son. They were to name him John. The child would be great and prepare the way for the Lord. This child was John the Baptist.

Because Zechariah and his wife were older, he doubted what Gabriel said. Because of Zechariah’s doubt, Gabriel told Zechariah that he would not be able to speak until their child was born.

Listen as we hear about the birth of John the Baptist, recorded in Luke chapter 1:

**Reading:**

“When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, ‘No! He is to be called John.’ They said to her, ‘There is no one among your relatives who has that name.’ Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, ‘His name is John.’ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, ‘What then is this child going to be?’ For the Lord’s hand was with him.” (Luke 1:57-66)

**Narration:**

Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave a prophecy. This prophecy is called the “Benedictus,” a Latin word that means “blessed.” This song reminds us of the work of God’s promised Savior and how John the Baptist would prepare the people for the coming of the Savior.

**Song:** “Zechariah and Elizabeth” by Linda Moeller

Part III: The Song of Mary (“Magnificat”)

**Narration:**

God sent the angel Gabriel to another person, to a young woman in Nazareth named Mary. She was engaged to a man named Joseph. The news Gabriel told Mary was incredible: God had chosen her to be the mother of the world's Savior.

Mary was amazed at this news since she was a virgin. However, Gabriel told her that through God's power she would become pregnant and her child would be the Son of God. In faith, Mary accepted this news.

While visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was pregnant with John the Baptist, Mary praised the Lord with what has become known as the "Magnificat," a Latin word from the beginning of this song. We find Mary's words recorded in Luke chapter 1:

**Reading:**

"At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!' And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord.'" (Luke 1:39-46)

Mary praised the Lord for the great things he had done for his people in the past and the greatest thing he would do for his people in the future by sending the Savior.

**Song:** "My Soul Rejoices" or "My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"  
*Consider having only girls/women sing this selection.*

Part IV: The Song of the Angels ("Gloria in excelsis Deo")

**Narration:**

When all things were ready, God sent his Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world. This event, the greatest in the history of the world, took place in humble circumstances.

**Recitation:**

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." (Luke 2:1-7)

**Narration:**

The humble circumstances didn't diminish the importance of this event. And God wanted people to know about it! So he sent an angel to tell local shepherds that the world's Savior had been born and how they would recognize him. Then many angels appeared to proclaim peace to all people because the Savior had come.

**Recitation:**

“There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’” (Luke 2:8-14)

**Narration:**

The name of this song, taken from the angels' Christmas proclamation to the Bethlehem shepherds, is “Gloria in excelsis Deo.” This Latin phrase means “glory to God in the highest.” The song reminds us of the peace that now exists—not an earthly peace but peace between God and all human beings. Jesus would fulfill every part of the law, which we could not do. Jesus would save all people from their sins! Praise and honor, glory and thanks, be to God for this great love shown to sinners!

**Song:** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” stanzas 1-3 (CW 61, ELH 125, LSB 380)  
*Consider having only boys/men sing this selection.*

Part V: The Song of Simeon (“Nunc Dimittis”)

**Narration:**

Our final song is based on the words of an old man. This man, Simeon, had been told by God that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to fulfill those portions of the law that required the firstborn son to be presented to the Lord. Listen as we hear what took place in the temple that day, recorded in Luke 2:25-33:

**Reading:**

“There was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.’ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.” (Luke 2:25-33)

**Narration:**

Simeon's words of praise are known in Latin as the "Nunc Dimittis," the first words where Simeon states he can now depart in peace. Simeon had seen the salvation that God had promised for his chosen people—and for all people.

**Song:** "O Light of Gentile Nations" (CW 78) or  
"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" (CW 269 text to original music, page 28) or  
"O Light of Gentile Nations" (NPH 2809061E) by Linda Moeller

**Narration:**

All of these songs thank God for the great gift he has given us in sending his Son to be our Savior from sin. In our worship today we sing many songs to the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In these songs we thank our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sanctifier for preserving us, redeeming us, and both bringing us to faith and strengthening our faith. May our songs, like those we heard tonight, thank God for the Gift of gifts—Jesus, God's Son, our Savior!

**Hymn:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" stanzas 1,3,4 (CW 65, ELH 137, LSB 361)

Offering (optional)

*Please stand*

**Prayer for Christmas Eve**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

*Please be seated*

**Recessional Hymn:** "Angels From the Realms of Glory" stanza 1 (CW 80) and stanzas 2-5 (J. Tiefel)

# Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; He comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of his right - eous -

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.

# Hosanna to the Coming Lord

1 Ho - san - na to the com - ing Lord! Ho - san - na  
2 Ho - san - na to the Light of life, Who o - ver -

to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor, Sav -  
comes our sin and strife! We see the glo - ry of

ior, King Let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.  
God's Son, Who full of grace and truth has come.

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# Away in a Manger

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a 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 side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care, And take us to heav - en to live with you there.

# Behold, a Branch Is Growing

1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of love - liest form and  
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In words of prom - ise  
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro - claimed by an - gels  
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With fra - grance fills the  
 5 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man

grace, As proph - ets sang, fore - know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's  
 sure, And Mar - y's arms en - fold it, A vir - gin meek and  
 bright, How Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, Was born on earth this  
 air; His bright - ness ends the dark - ness That kept the earth in  
 woes, O Sav - ior King of glo - ry, Who con - quered all our

race And bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of  
 pure. Through God's e - ter - nal will This child to  
 night. To Beth - le - hem they sped And in the  
 fear. True God and yet true man, He came to  
 foes, Bring us at last we pray, To the bright

cold - est win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.  
 her is giv - en At mid - night calm and still.  
 man - ger found him, As an - gel her - alds said.  
 save his peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.  
 courts of heav - en And to the end - less day.

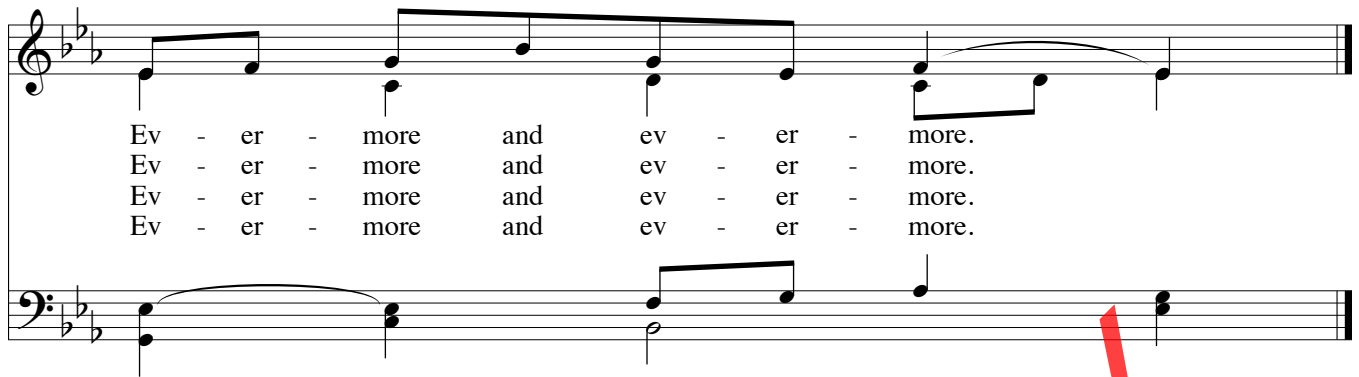
# Of the Father's Love Begotten

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed When the vir - gin,  
3 This is he whom heav'n - taught sing - ers Sang of old with  
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him, An - gel hosts his

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord; Whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing, Pow'rs, do - min - ions bow be - fore him

He the source, the end - ing he, Of the things that are, that  
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -  
And ex tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
deem - er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face  
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring



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

5 Christ, to you, with God the Father,  
 And the Spirit ceaselessly  
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
 And unending praises be,  
 Honor, glory, and dominion  
 And eternal victory  
 Evermore and evermore.

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# Zechariah and Elizabeth

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Zech-a - ri - ah and E - liz - a - beth had thought their hope for chil - dren was  
Zech-a - ri - ah and E - liz - a - beth were hap - py that their ba - by was

gone.  
here,  
Then the an - gel Ga - briel came from God to  
But the news that made them hap - pier still was

say they'd have a ba - by named John. Zech - a - ri - ah did not  
that the prom - ised Sav - ior was near. John was sent by God to

trust at first and so he lost his voice, But the Lord God al - ways  
tell the world that Christ would set them free; Je - sus Christ would take a -

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14

keeps his word and soon they had a cause to re- joice!  
way their sins, and he did the same for you and me! Zech-a - ri - ah said,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 14, 15, and 16. The music is in a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. Measure 14 has lyrics 'keeps his word and'. Measure 15 has lyrics 'way their sins, and he did the same for you and'. Measure 16 has lyrics 'me! Zech-a - ri - ah said,'. There are fermatas over the notes 'and' in measure 14 and 'and' in measure 15.

17

"Praise be to the Lord God of Is-ra-el!" Then he said to ba-by John, his son,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 17, 18, 19, and 20. The music is in a grand staff. Measure 17 has lyrics '"Praise be to the Lord God of Is-ra-el!"'. Measure 18 has lyrics 'Then he said to ba-by John, his son,'. Measures 19 and 20 continue the melody.

21

"You will be a pro-phet and you will tell the peo-ple that the Sav-ior of the world has

Detailed description: This system contains measures 21, 22, and 23. The music is in a grand staff. Measure 21 has lyrics '"You will be a pro-phet and you will tell the peo-ple that the'. Measure 22 has lyrics 'Sav-ior of the world has'. Measure 23 continues the melody.

24

come." come. The Sav-ior of the world has come, the

Detailed description: This system contains measures 24, 25, 26, and 27. The music is in a grand staff. Measure 24 has lyrics 'come."'. Measure 25 has lyrics 'come. The Sav-ior of the world has'. Measure 26 has lyrics 'come, the'. Measure 27 continues the melody. There is a first ending bracket over measures 24-25 and a second ending bracket over measures 26-27.

28

Sav - ior has come."

Detailed description: This system contains measures 28, 29, 30, and 31. The music is in a grand staff. Measure 28 has lyrics 'Sav - ior has'. Measure 29 has lyrics 'come."'. Measures 30 and 31 continue the melody. The system ends with a double bar line.

# My Soul Rejoices

1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the great - ness  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the great - ness

of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me fa - vor— Sing the  
of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He shat - ters— Sing the

great - ness of the Lord! With praise and bless - ing, Join in con -  
great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion halt - ed; The meek ex -

fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and ho - ly— O sing the  
alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the wealth - y— O sing the

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great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy sure - ly Shall rest se -  
 great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the to - ken All that was

cure - ly On all who fear Him, Love and re -  
 spo - ken To A - br'ham's off spring God is ful -

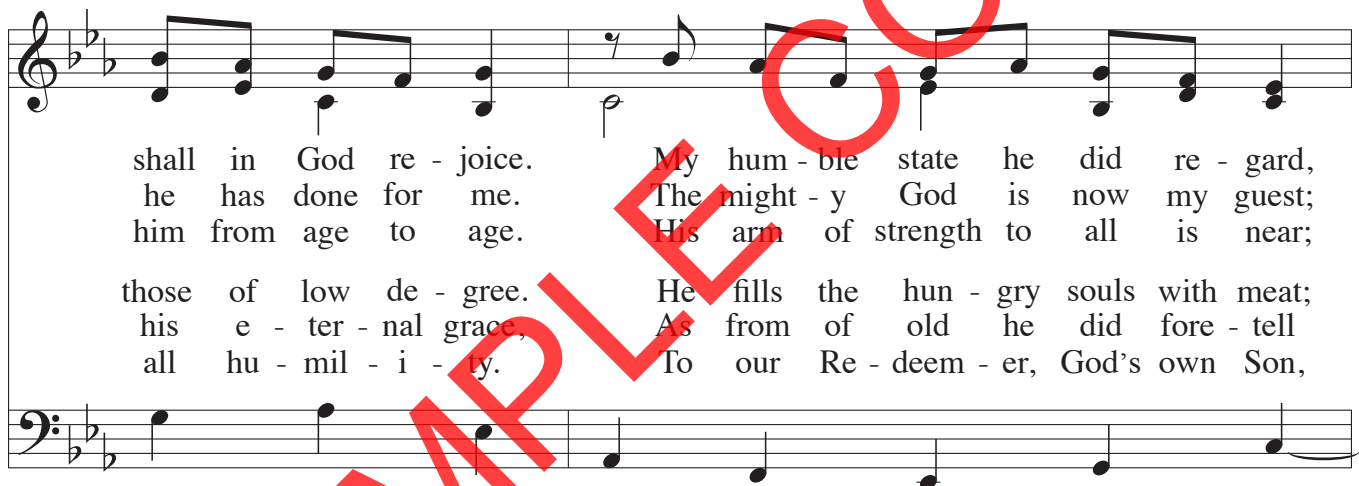
vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
 fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

# My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord



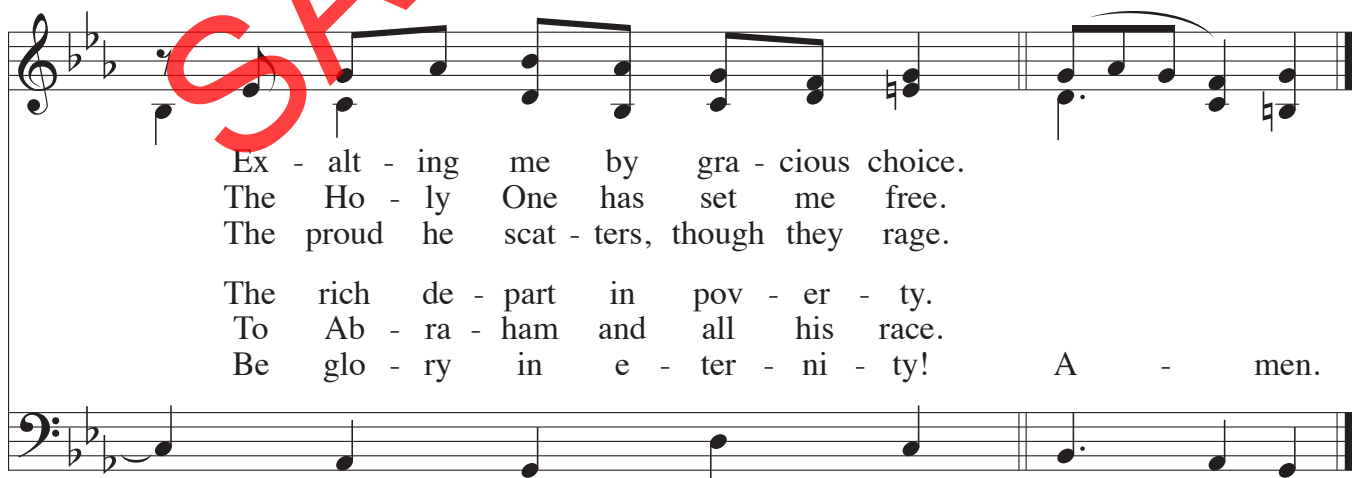
1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
 2 Hence - forth shall peo - ple call me blest, For great things  
 3 His mer - cy is on all who fear, Who trust in

4 He brings down rul - ers from their seat And rais - es  
 5 He helped his ser - vant Is - ra - el, Re - mem - b'ring  
 6 So praise with me the Ho - ly One, Who comes in



shall in God re - joice. My hum - ble state he did re - gard,  
 he has done for me. The might - y God is now my guest;  
 him from age to age. His arm of strength to all is near;

those of low de - gree. He fills the hun - gry souls with meat;  
 his e - ter - nal grace, As from of old he did fore - tell  
 all hu - mil - i - ty. To our Re - deem - er, God's own Son,



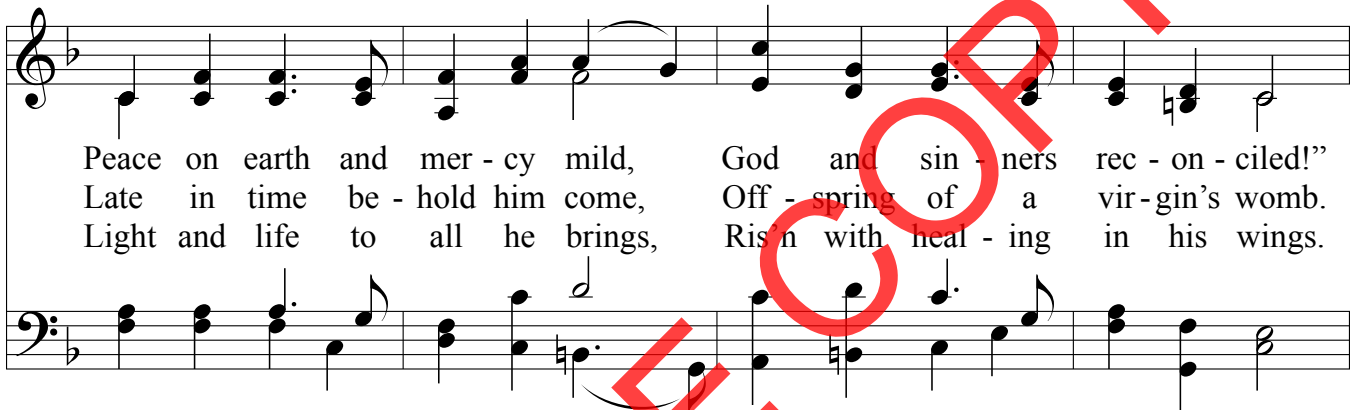
Ex - alt - ing me by gra - cious choice.  
 The Ho - ly One has set me free.  
 The proud he scat - ters, though they rage.

The rich de - part in pov - er - ty.  
 To Ab - ra - ham and all his race.  
 Be glo - ry in e - ter - ni - ty! A - men.

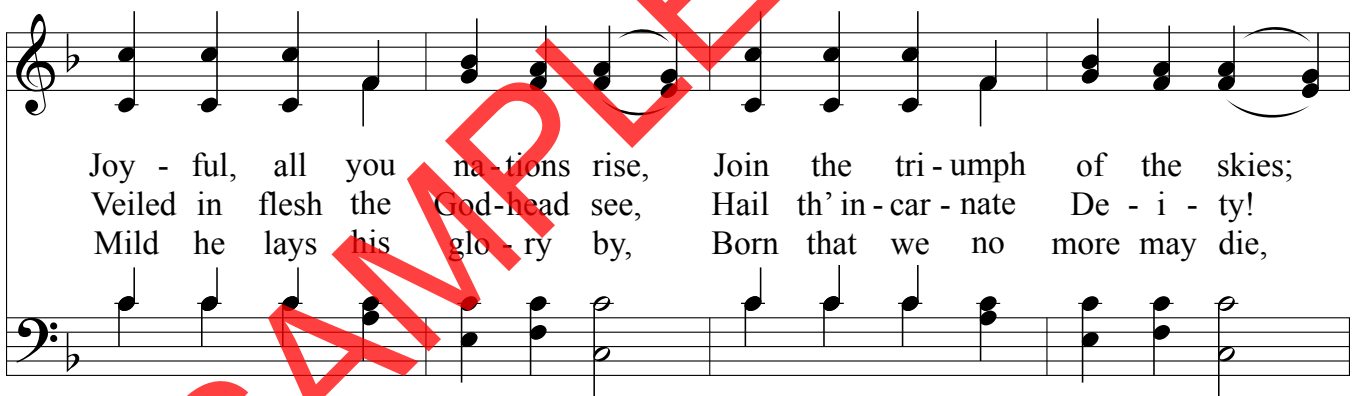
# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



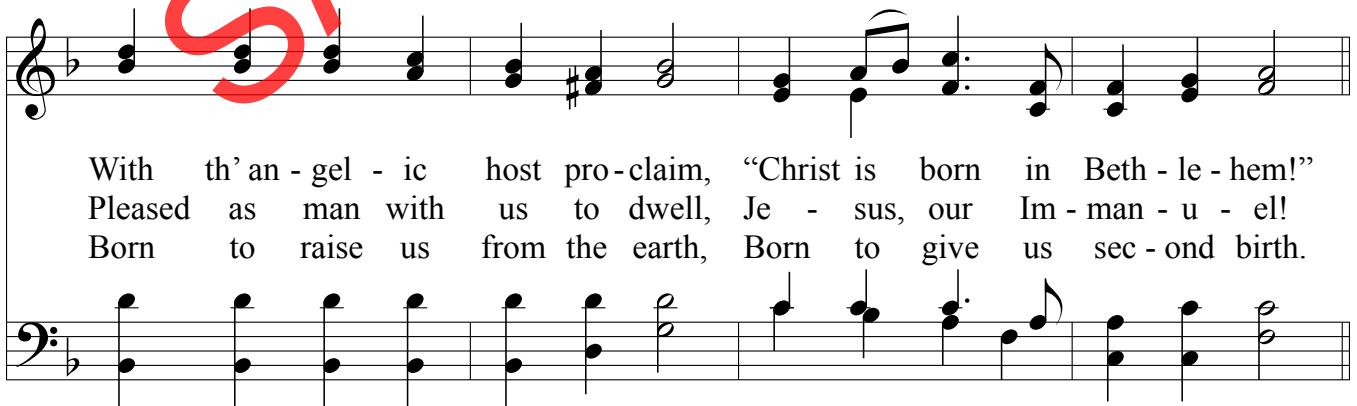
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



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, Risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



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

*Refrain*

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

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# O Light of Gentile Nations

1 O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O Sav - ior from a - bove,  
2 Dear Lord, your ser - vants meet you In ev - 'ry ho - ly place  
3 Lord, when life's trou - bles touch us, You seem to hide your face,  
4 Let us, O Lord, be faith - ful Like Sim - eon to the end

Drawn by your Spir - it's lead - ing, We come with joy and love  
Where your true Word has prom - ised That we should see your face.  
And through our tears we of - ten Can scarce - ly sense your grace.  
So that his prayer ex - ul - tant May from our hearts as - cend:

In - to your ho - ly tem - ple And wait with rev - 'rent mind  
To - day you still al - low us Who gath - er round you here  
Then be our joy and bright - ness, Our cheer in pain and loss,  
"O Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in peace, I pray,

As Sim - eon once had wait - ed His God and Lord to find.  
In arms of faith to hold you As did that a - ged seer.  
Our sun in dark - est ter - ror, The glo - ry round our cross.  
Since I have seen my Sav - ior And here be - held his day."

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# In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

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*mp*

5 *mf*

In peace and joy I now de - part as my Lord wills  
(Christ) Je - sus brought this gift to me, my faith - ful Sav -  
(You) sent the peo - ple of the earth their great sal - va -  
(Christ) is the hope and sav - ing light of those in blind -

5 *rit.* *mf* *a tempo*

9

it. Se - rene and qui - et\_\_\_ is my heart; glad - ness fills  
ior, whom you have made my\_\_\_ eyes to see by your fav -  
tion; your in - vi - ta - tion sum - mons forth ev - 'ry na -  
ness; he guides and com - forts those in night by his kind -

9

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

13

it. This the Lord has prom - ised me that death is but a  
or. Now I know he is my life, my friend when I am  
tion by your ho - ly pre - cious Word, in ev - 'ry place re -  
ness. He is Is - rael's right - eous - ness, their joy, re - ward, and

13

17

1, 2, 3. 4.

slum - ber. Christ  
dy - ing. You  
sound - ing. Christ  
glo - - - - - ry.

17

*rit.* *a tempo* *mp*

21

*rit.* *pp*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Peace and Joy I Now Depart'. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 13-16) includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'it. This the Lord has prom - ised me that death is but a or. Now I know he is my life, my friend when I am tion by your ho - ly pre - cious Word, in ev - 'ry place re - ness. He is Is - rael's right - eous - ness, their joy, re - ward, and'. The second system (measures 17-20) features a vocal line with lyrics: 'slum - ber. Christ dy - ing. You sound - ing. Christ glo - - - - - ry.' and a piano accompaniment with markings for 'rit.', 'a tempo', and 'mp'. The third system (measures 21-24) shows the piano accompaniment with a 'rit.' marking and a 'pp' dynamic. A large red 'SAMPLE COPY' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page.



# O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 ti - dings 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!

# Angels From the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
 2 Ma - ry, hear the an - gel's mes - sage Trust - ing it as  
 3 Come, O bless - ed Zech - a - ri - ah, Mute in doubt, but  
 4 Sim - eon, hope - ful all your life - time For the com - ing  
 5 Saints and an - gels, now and ev - er, Raise a song of

all the earth; Once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry;  
 God's own Word. Lift your heart in ho - ly won - der;  
 now in song Raise a hymn for God's long prom - ise  
 of the King, Sing your prayers in peace - ful won - der;  
 glo - rious praise. In your hymns pro - claim the mes - sage,

*Refrain*  
 Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 Mag - ni - fy your gra - cious Lord. Come and wor - ship,  
 To de - stroy the dev - il's wrong. Light and glo - ry he will bring.  
 Sing the gos - pel all your days.

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

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