

# Fresh Christmas Carols and Readings

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## Christmas Is a Story of Love

*Love is from God...*

*God is love...*

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish,  
but have eternal life. (1 John 4:7, 8; John 3:16, NASB)*

Christmas is a story of Love.

For hundreds of years,

Love had whispered,

“I am coming!

I am coming to be with you,  
to stay with you forever!”

It was Love that celebrated that night  
in the skies over Bethlehem with

angels,

music, and

shouts of praise.

Love was the shining star

high in the sky,

sent to draw people from far away

to come and worship the Baby.

And Love has entered our hearts.

We can feel it drawing us

to love and worship God.

We can see it gathering us together

to celebrate His coming.

And we can sense it reaching out this Christmas

to share with the needy all around us.

Christmas is a story of Love,

Love that has come to us,

Love that has brightened our lives;

and Love is


*Jesus.*

Hymn Recording: [Love Has Come!](#)

# Love Has Come!

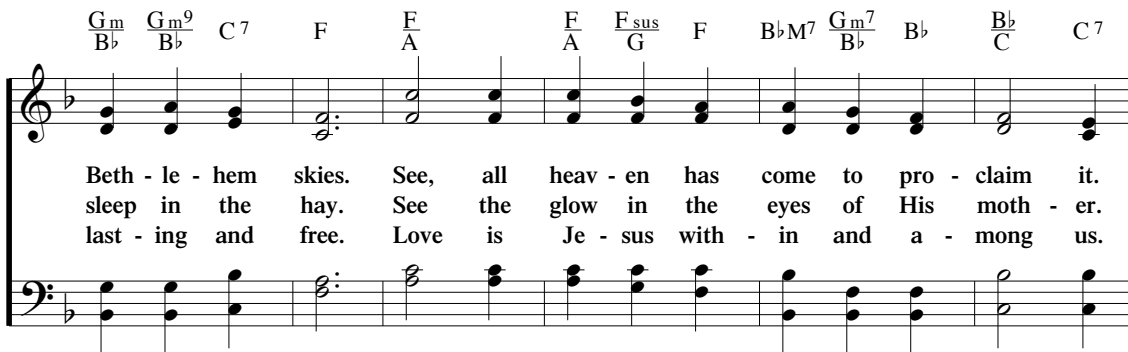
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*Luke 2:1-20*

F F C F Gm7 BbM7 Gm C13 C13 C7 F F A A C7 F



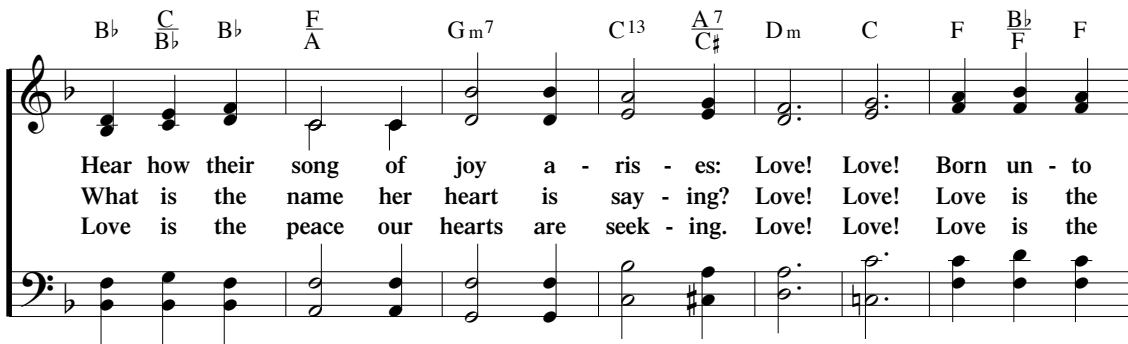
1. Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love ex - plodes in the  
2. Love is born! Come share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3. Love has come— He nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -

Gm Bb Gm9 C7 F F A F A Fsus F BbM7 Gm7 Bb Bb C C7



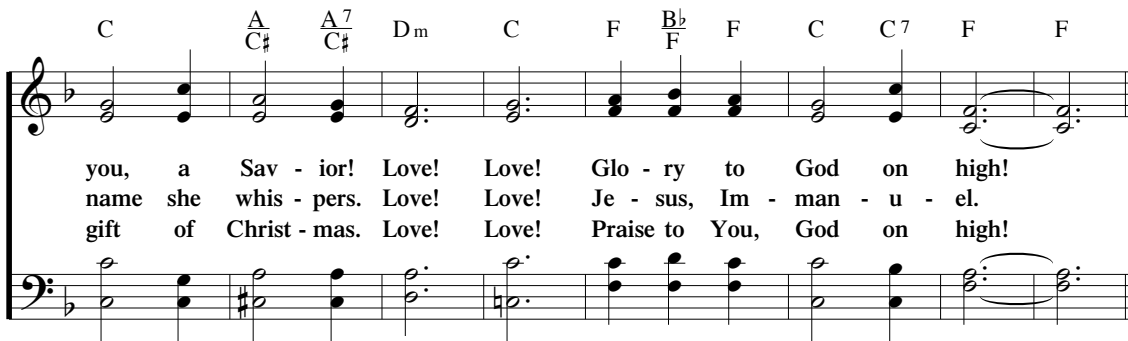
Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it.  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of His moth - er.  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

Bb C Bb Bb F A Gm7 C13 A7 C# Dm C F Bb F



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

C A C# A7 Dm C F Bb F C C7 F F



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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## Share in Christ

*Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all the people were on their way to register for the census, each to his own city.*

*Now Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was betrothed to him, and was pregnant. (Luke 2:1-5, NASB)*

Consider the people nearest to Jesus during His life on earth:

His mother,  
His father,  
His disciples.

Those closest to Him shared His sufferings.  
In their own degree, they bore what Jesus bore.  
Their relationship with that one man cost them everything.

For them, the mysteries of the transcendent God weren't abstract and far away.  
They witnessed those mysteries close up.  
They tasted them.  
They journeyed through them.  
They wrestled with them daily –  
the light, the darkness,  
the privilege, the pain,  
the waiting, the questions, the wrenching self-sacrifice.

For each, it started with a personal call.  
They sensed it was the call of the Living God,  
and that decided their response,  
though they couldn't see the end from the beginning.  
Mary answered the angel,  
"I am the Lord's servant...May your word to me be fulfilled" (Luke 1:38, NIV).  
Joseph obeyed a dream and took a pregnant woman as his fiancé.  
The disciples, average working men with deep local connections,  
dropped everything familiar and  
followed a homeless, itinerant teacher.

The price was real,  
but the result was life rich beyond imagination,  
permeated with truth and peace,

love and fruitfulness,  
eternal meaning and undying glory.  
That is still the price and the reward for all who share in Christ.

*An unwanted decree from  
an unfriendly government,  
a long, difficult journey with  
a shameful pregnancy,  
lousy accommodations,  
a painful labor in tough circumstances, and  
only a feeding trough for a cradle –  
yet through all these God was  
blessing the entire world.  
What unpleasant circumstances is He using in your life?*

**Hymn Recording: [Partners in the Mystery](#)**



# Partners in the Mystery

TUNE: Good King Wenceslas

Matthew 1:8-15; Luke 2:1-7, 21-35

♩ = 112

G Em D F# G C D C G/B C D7/A G

1. What a bless - ing God has sent! Now, be - fore the wed - ding,  
2. See the ten - der Mar - y there - Like so man - y oth - ers,  
3. In the tem - ple, what a sight! Af - ter years of wait - ing,  
4. What a priv - ilege! What a call! Part - ners in the mys - tery!

G Em D F# G C D C G/B C D7/A G

Vir - gin Mar - y, good and pure, Sud - den - ly ex - pect - ing;  
Young and scared and all a - lone, Soon to be a moth - er.  
Now be - fore his ver - y eyes There the Prom - ised Ba - by!  
We who walk by faith be - come Part of ho - ly his - t'ry.

G/B C G/D D G D Em C G/B C D7/A G

Friends and fam - 'ly all up - set, Jo - seph dis - il - lus - ioned.  
In - to dark - ness, in - to pain, Un - to death is giv - en  
There the Light of all the world! There for all the na - tions,  
Rich and poor, the young and old, Fill the time - less sto - ry.

G/B C D7/A Em D G/B C G/D D Em C G

Still they trust the guid - ing Word Thro' their dark con - fus - ion.  
Such a tin - y pre - cious life, Such a gift from heav - en.  
Sleep - ing in his fold - ed arms, Heav - en's sweet sal - va - tion!  
All who bold - ly fol - low God See and share His glo - ry.

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MUSIC: Traditional; arr. by Sir John Stainer

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## Christmas Is the Story of a Baby

*While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:6-7, NIV)*

Christmas is the story of a Baby—  
    a tiny, crying, cute little Baby.  
Instead of diapers,  
He was wrapped tightly in “swaddling clothes”,  
    strips of cloth to keep his limbs warm and straight.  
Instead of a cradle,  
He was laid in a manger—  
    a feeding trough for animals.  
He had no other place to sleep.

Why would God leave  
    the beauty,  
    the peace, and  
    the happiness of heaven  
to become a poor, weak, helpless Infant?  
Why would He lay aside  
    the glory of all He was and  
    take upon Himself the simplicity of a child?

He came to be close to us,  
    to touch us,  
    to become like us  
so that we could become like Him.  
He came because He loved us.

Christmas is the story of a Baby,  
    a beautiful,  
    heavenly,  
    human little Baby;  
and the Baby was  
    *Jesus.*

Hymn Recording: [The Light Is Born](#)

# The Light Is Born

Luke 2:1-20

♩ = 66

C A<sub>m</sub> C<sub>G</sub> F C<sub>G</sub> G C G<sub>B</sub>

1. Night, so far from home, Just two a-lone in their need. Nine months of  
2. Look, new life is here, And God is near in this night. Just see the

A<sub>m</sub> A<sub>m</sub>/E A<sub>m</sub> G/B A<sub>m</sub> A<sub>m</sub>/E A<sub>m</sub> C A<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup> E<sub>m</sub> G A<sub>m</sub> E<sub>m</sub> B E<sub>m</sub>

shame, Now grow-ing pain And des-per - a - tion for re - lief. They need a  
child, The ti - ny child, And share in heav-en's pure de - light. Look how they

G<sup>7</sup> C C<sub>G</sub> C C<sup>7</sup> C<sub>G</sub><sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F E<sub>C</sub> F

place, Some sim-ple place. Her time has come, It has be - gun, And now a  
come, The need - y come From ev - 'ry race. On ev - 'ry face His life will

D D<sup>7</sup> 1. *rall.* G<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> G<sup>7</sup> E<sub>G</sub> G D.C. 2. *rall.* G<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> G<sup>7</sup> E<sub>G</sub> G

cry shine, Rings out to pierce the dark - ness. all our dark - ness.  
Dis - pel - ling

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C  
*a tempo*

$\frac{E_m^7}{B}$  A<sub>m</sub>

$\frac{C}{G}$  F  $\frac{F M^9}{G}$  G C

*rall.*

Come, see Je - sus Christ And find the Light of the World!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, with lyrics written below the notes. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked 'a tempo' at the beginning. The score includes various chords: C major, E minor 7 (B-flat), A minor, C major/G, F major, F major 9 (B-flat), G major, and C major. A 'rall.' (rallentando) marking is placed above the F major chord. The lyrics are: 'Come, see Je - sus Christ And find the Light of the World!'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word 'World!'.

## Incarnation Wonder

*No one has seen God at any time;  
God the only Son,  
who is in the arms of the Father,  
He has explained Him. (John 1:18, NASB)*

As you kneel on the  
    dirt floor of the stable and  
look down at the helpless infant,  
    know that  
Jesus is already doing what He came to do:  
    He is letting us see and feel  
    what God is like.

There in the darkness, pain, desperation, and fear,  
God's presence is already  
    light,  
    joy,  
    peace, and  
    the warm assurance of hope.

When God "invaded" earth,  
He didn't come as  
    a military conqueror or  
    a judge,  
        though He can be both.  
He came as the lowest of the low,  
    a helpless infant  
    born of a disgraced peasant girl.

Look down at Him.  
The incarnate Word is  
    humbly,  
    beautifully,  
    wordlessly  
proclaiming that  
    God  
    is  
    love!

Hymn Recording: [Incarnation Wonder](#)

# Incarnation Wonder

Isaiah 6:1-4; Luke 2:1-20; John 1:14, 18; 14:6; 1 John 4:16

♩ = 72

Unison

F G C  $\frac{G^6}{B}$   $A_m^7$   $\frac{E_m}{G}$  F G C  $\frac{G^6}{D}$   $\frac{C}{E}$

1. Screams of pierc - ing pain Shat - ter - ing the si - lence;  
 2. Ti - ny, bound - less God, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;  
 3. Might - y, word - less Word Cra - dled with Your crea - tures;

F  $D_m^7$  E  $\frac{E^7}{G\#}$   $A_m$   $\frac{C^M7}{G}$  F  $\frac{C}{E}$   $D_m^7$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  G sus  $\frac{G^{sus}}{D}$  G

Si - lent still the fear Haunt - ing ev - 'ry heart.  
 An - gels come to sing Glo - ry now un - seen.  
 You, the liv - ing Way Lead - ing us a - bove;

F  $\frac{E_m}{G}$   $\frac{E_m^7}{G}$   $A_m$   $\frac{A_m}{E}$   $A_m$   $\frac{A_m}{G}$   $D_m$   $D_m^7$   $\frac{C}{E}$  C Fadd<sup>9</sup>  $\frac{Fadd^9}{C}$  F  $\frac{F}{A}$

Who, O God, could know, Who but You im - ag - ine  
 In Your moth - er's arms, Rest - ing in Your Fa - ther;  
 You, the life we crave, Ho - ly, real, and hu - man.

$\frac{C}{G}$   $F^M7$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{E^7}{G\#}$   $A_m$   $D_m^7$  G sus G G sus C  $\frac{C}{G}$  C

Here in need and filth and shame Pure joy would have its start!  
 Here where all may seem so wrong, A right - ness all se - rene!  
 Here we come and bow and gaze And know that You are love.

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INCARNATION WONDER  
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## What a Beginning!

*“Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they shall name Him Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” (Matthew 1:23, NASB)*

Almighty,  
Holy,  
Transcendent God  
entered His created world in  
total helplessness and  
deep shame.  
He came as the apparently-illegitimate child of an unmarried peasant girl,  
born as the lowest of the low  
in a filthy stable,  
with only a borrowed feeding trough for a cradle.  
Poor shepherds and pagan foreigners  
were the only invited guests.  
Surely the whole idea seemed ridiculous to  
those who for centuries had been anticipating the arrival of their  
Glorious King and  
Mighty Deliverer.

But those who know and love this  
surprising, even shocking, God  
find it entirely in character.  
The Omnipotent Source of All is  
endlessly creative and  
stunningly, endearingly humble.  
Such an entrance is exactly His style!  
From the very beginning of His incarnation,  
He was telling us about Himself  
in delightfully vivid, even charming ways  
that all could understand.  
He wanted everyone to  
know Him and  
trust Him naturally, warmly, wholeheartedly.

This was only the beginning of His  
astonishing self-revelation.  
And O what a beginning it was!

Hymn Recording: [The Birthday Party](#)

# The Birthday Party

Luke 2:1-20

Fun! ♩ = 80

Em B7 B<sup>7</sup><sub>5</sub> B7 Em B7 B<sup>7</sup><sub>5</sub> Em Esus Em B7

1. If you go down to the sta - ble there, You're in for a big sur -  
 2. A peas - ant girl and a car - pen - ter Are head - ing His en - tour -  
 3. If you go down to the sta - ble there, You'll nev - er be - lieve your

Em D<sub>F#</sub> G D7 D<sup>13</sup> D7 G D7 D<sup>13</sup>

prise. O yes- the dirt - i - est place in town! You'll  
 age. A goat, a lamb, and a man - gy cow Are  
 eyes! If you're ex - pect - ing to meet your God, You're

G D<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> G D D7 G F<sup>7</sup><sub>5</sub> B7

nev - er be - lieve your eyes! They say that God Him -  
 sing - ing the grand hur - rahs. Our God is just a  
 in for a big sur - prise! You think He's high and

Em Em<sub>D</sub> Am<sub>C</sub> Am<sup>6</sup> Am B7 B<sup>7</sup><sub>D#</sub>

self has come- O what a great dis - guise! And He's  
 ba - by With His don - key stand - ing guard, And He's  
 might - y, That He lives up in the skies? Well, you're

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Em  $\frac{Em^9}{D}$  C6  $\frac{Am}{C}$  Em B  $\text{B}^7_{sus}$  B7 1 Em 2 Em

thrown Him - self a birth - day par - ty!  
 sleep - ing through His birth - day par - ty!  
 wel - come to His birth - day

$\text{B}^7_{sus}$  Em Am D G C D7  $\frac{D^7}{F\#}$  G

Some shep - herds said the an - gels sang As skies were all on fire. The  
 They could - n't find a pres - ent, But the smell they brought was great! Three

Am7 D G  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am Am7  $\frac{Am^6}{C}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  1 B7 D.S.

shep - herds joined the par - ty, But they did - n't bring the choir!  
 kings have been in - vit - ed, But I guess they're run - ning

2  $\text{B}^7_{sus}$  B7 D.C.  $\text{B}^7_{sus}$  B7 Em Am  $\frac{Em}{G}$   $\frac{Am}{F\#}$  Em

late! par - ty!

## You Come

*I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10b, NASB)*

God, so eager to give,  
You came to us.  
You gave Yourself completely,  
    birth to death.  
You became like us,  
    weak,  
    humble,  
    suffering,  
    dying,  
so that we might become like You.

Holy God,  
    breath of love,  
    unbounded Spirit,  
You come to us.  
As we trust You,  
    though imperfectly,  
You give Yourself to us.  
You live and breathe as  
    Christ in us,  
    eagerly sharing Yourself with us.

God of unfailing promises,  
You will come to us again.  
At the perfect moment You will come  
    as a bridegroom comes,  
    eager to sweep away His bride on their long-awaited day.  
All the universe will celebrate with us.

You came once,  
    in love.  
Come again, Lord Jesus.  
We are waiting.

**Hymn Recording: [Our God Came to Visit](#)**

# Our God Came to Visit

*Psalm 24:7-10; Matthew 20:28; 24:31, 42-44; Luke 2:1-7;  
John 1:14; 12:32-33; 14:15-23; Ephesians 1:13-14; 3:14-21*

♩ = 76

Chords: F/A, FM7/A, B♭, Dm/A, F, Am/E, Dm, C, F, C/E

1. Our God came to vis - it, But not as we dreamed. We  
2. Our God makes His home in All those who be - lieve, A  
3. No long - er a vis - it, He's com - ing a - gain With

Chords: Dm, Dm7, Dm, Am, Am7, Am, B♭, C sus, C, F/A, FM7/A

looked for a war - rior With sword and a steed. He  
know - ing, a join - ing No flesh could a - chieve: The  
an - gels and trum - pets, But none can know when. So

Chords: Dm, Dm/C, B♭6, Dm/A, F, F6, B♭, A7, Dm, Am/C

came in the back door To serve and to die, And  
Ho - ly Tran - scend - ent Now breath - ing with - in, Our  
live ev - er read - y To o - pen the gates. O

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MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

MANTLE SO GREEN  
6.5.6.5.D.

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B $\flat$ 6     $\frac{C^9}{B\flat}$     B $\flat$ M7    A $_m$      $\frac{E}{A}$     G $_m^9$     G $_m^7$      $\frac{G_m}{C}$     F     $\frac{E}{C}$     F

on - ly in suf - f'ring Was lift - ed up high.  
 prom - ise of heav - en. O let it be - gin!  
 come, Lord of Glo - ry! Your king - dom a - waits!

## Christmas Is a Story of Light

*In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.*

*And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."  
(Luke 2:8-12, NASB)*

*"Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1, NASB)*

Christmas is a story of Light.  
In the beginning, God said,  
    "Let there be light!"  
And there was light.

When His Son was born into the world,  
God said,  
    "Let there be light!"  
And the glory of heaven  
flooded the night sky.

When God enters our hearts,  
He says,  
    "Let there be light!"  
And He fills us with the  
    warmth and glow of His presence.

That's why we celebrate Christmas  
by hanging beautiful lights all around us:  
Because the Light has come  
    into our world and  
    into our hearts.

Christmas is a story of Light,  
and the Light of the World is  
    Jesus.

Hymn Recording: [Light Is Shining All Around](#)

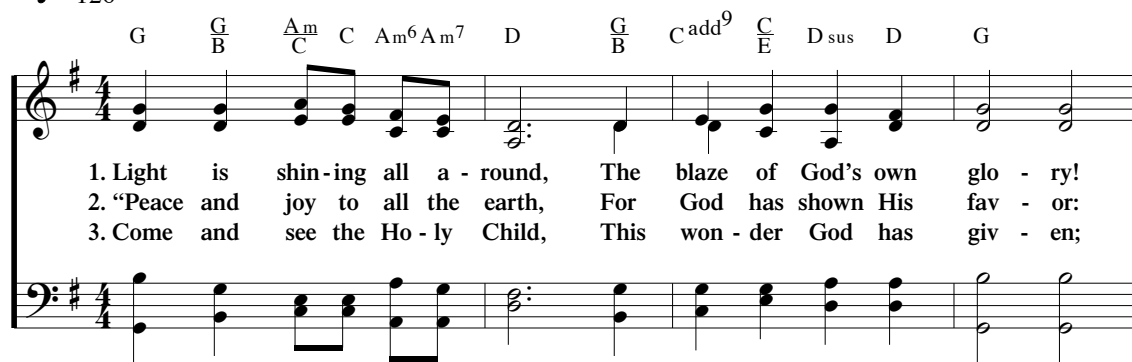
# Light Is Shining All Around

TUNE: Ding, Dong, Merrily on High, alt.

Luke 2:8-15

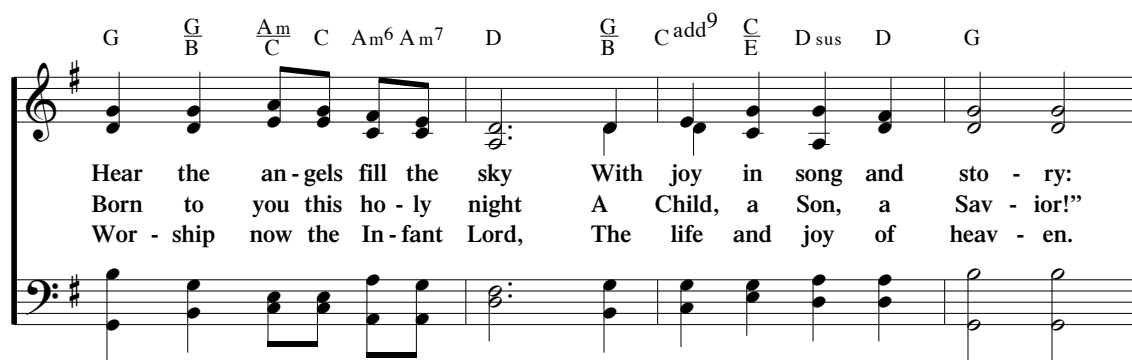
♩ = 126

G  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C Am<sup>6</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D  $\frac{G}{B}$  C add<sup>9</sup>  $\frac{C}{E}$  D<sup>sus</sup> D G



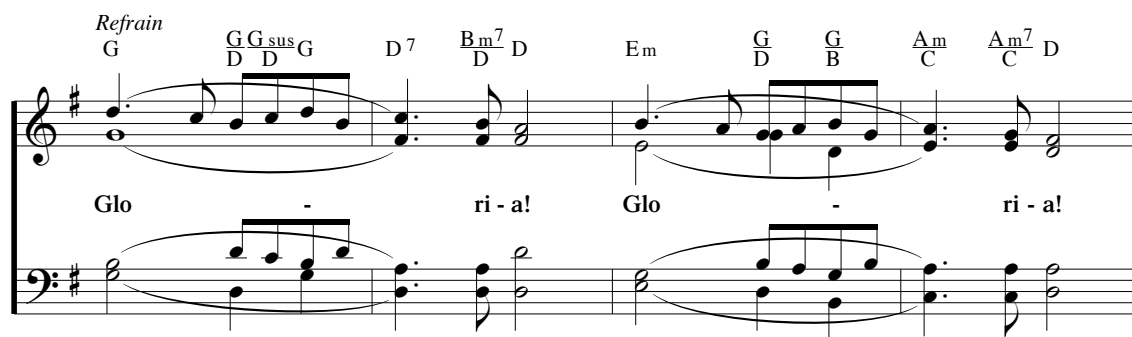
1. Light is shin-ing all a-round, The blaze of God's own glo-ry!  
2. "Peace and joy to all the earth, For God has shown His fav-or:  
3. Come and see the Ho-ly Child, This won-der God has giv-en;

G  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C Am<sup>6</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D  $\frac{G}{B}$  C add<sup>9</sup>  $\frac{C}{E}$  D<sup>sus</sup> D G



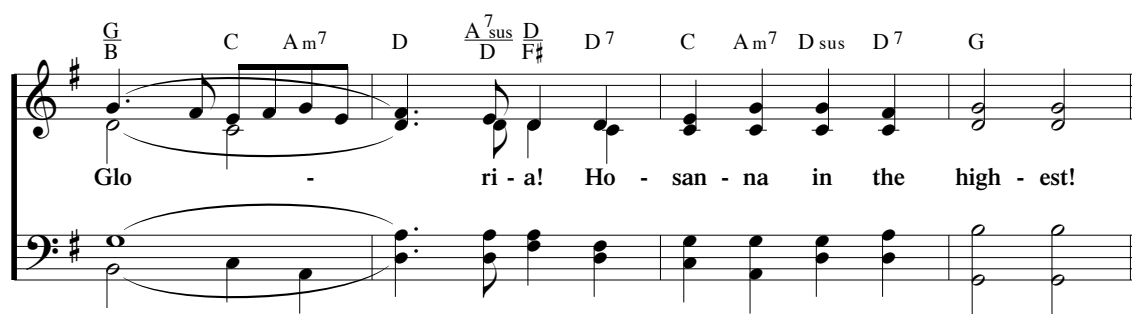
Hear the an-gels fill the sky With joy in song and sto-ry:  
Born to you this ho-ly night A Child, a Son, a Sav-ior!"  
Wor-ship now the In-fant Lord, The life and joy of heav-en.

*Refrain*  
G  $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{Bm}{D}$  D Em  $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  D<sup>7</sup>



Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a!

$\frac{G}{B}$  C Am<sup>7</sup> D  $\frac{A}{D}$   $\frac{7}{D}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  D<sup>7</sup> C Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G



Glo-ri-a! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Traditional and Ken Bible

DING DONG MERRILY  
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## Mysterious Wonders

*And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying,*

*“Glory to God in the highest,*

*And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased.”*

*When the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem, then, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. When they had seen Him, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it were amazed about the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them. (Luke 2:13-20, NASB)*

Imagine the mysterious wonders of that first Christmas night.

A world-changing event, foretold for centuries, was actually happening, and only a handful of the commonest people knew it.

God Himself was becoming flesh and blood, arriving as the most helpless of creatures: a human infant.

This child had been conceived by an infinite spirit being and a young virgin, probably a teenage girl.

Imagine what the shepherds saw and heard and felt. In the blackness of a silent night in the open fields, suddenly a blazing light, a stunning message, and a sky full of angels.

But how would the shepherds recognize this “Savior...Christ the Lord”? What would make Him unique? It would be His shocking lowliness and poverty. They would find an infant, wrapped up like a newborn, lying in a feeding trough.

Imagine yourself a shepherd, on the ground, gazing out into the blackness, hearing only the night sounds.

Hymn Recording: [The Shepherd’s Carol](#)

# The Shepherd's Carol

Luke 2:8-20

♩ = 96

*Unison*

F<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub> C<sup>F sus</sup> F<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m7</sub> F<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m7</sub>

1. The night was dark, the wind was cold, Our well of hope was  
 2. We en - tered in a sta - ble dark, And there up - on some  
 3. Come kneel with us, you hum - ble ones; O come from ev - 'ry

F<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub> C<sup>F sus</sup> F<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m7</sub>

dry hay, land. When He the Might - y Spir - it came From  
 Sur - round - ed by the an - i - mals, The  
 He gives Him - self to low - ly hearts And

F<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m7</sub> F<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m7</sub> B<sub>b</sub><sup>7 sus</sup> C

far be - yond the sky. We woke, and light was  
 Great Cre - a - tor lay. I saw no glow - ing  
 rough and rug - ged hands. The jour - ney here is

B<sub>b</sub>m B<sub>b</sub>m<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> D<sub>b</sub> B<sub>b</sub>m<sup>7</sup> B<sub>b</sub>m<sup>6</sup> C<sup>7 sus</sup> C<sub>m7</sub>  
 G ten.

ev - 'ry - where, And ho - ly mus - ic filled the air:  
 ser - a - phim, But in my heart I heard the hymn:  
 nev - er far, For God has come to where we are.

WORDS: Ken Bible, inspired by a native American (Huron) carol  
 MUSIC: French Carol Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

UNE JUENE PUCELLE  
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# REFRAIN

Fm Fm  
 C

B $\flat$ sus B $\flat$ m Fm Fm  
 F C

Fm Fm7 Cm  
 E $\flat$

Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Lift up your

D $\flat$  A $\flat$ M7  
 C B $\flat$ m7 C7 Fm Fm  
 C Fm

hearts, For the King of Love is come.

## Christmas Is the Story of a King

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:*

*'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah;  
For from you will come forth a Ruler  
Who will shepherd My people Israel.'"* (Matthew 2:1-6, NASB)

Christmas is the story of a King.

When the King was born,  
    Caesar Augustus was Emperor of Rome.  
He ruled the world  
    with great power and  
    vast military might.  
But he died in 14 A.D.,  
    and his kingdom passed to another.

Herod the Great was King of Judea.  
He ruled with  
    violence and  
    cruel jealousy.  
He tried to kill the Child King.  
The Child lived,  
    but Herod died,  
    and his power died with him.

The Child King was  
    Lord of the Universe,  
    Almighty God.  
He ruled  
    with humility and self-sacrifice,  
    with love and forgiveness.  
He faced death

and destroyed it.  
His Kingdom will never end.

Christmas is the story of a King,  
and our King forever is  
*Jesus.*

**Hymn Recording:** [Infinite Lord](#)

# Infinite Lord

TUNE: Coventry Carol

Luke 2:6-7

♩ = 84

G<sup>m</sup> D G<sup>m</sup> E<sup>b</sup> F G<sup>m</sup> D G<sup>m</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>/<sub>D</sub>

1. In - fi - nite Lord, my In - fant King, Throned in hu -  
2. Je - sus, in dust and hay I kneel, Sta - bled in

C<sup>m</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> D G<sup>m</sup> G<sup>m</sup> D G<sup>m</sup> E<sup>b</sup> F G<sup>m</sup> D

mil - i - ty; Your on - ly robes- Your swad - dling clothes;  
deep - est need; My on - ly robes- Your righ - teous - ness;

G<sup>m</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>/<sub>D</sub> C<sup>m</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> D G<sup>m</sup> B<sup>b</sup> F G<sup>m</sup> D<sup>m</sup> G<sup>m</sup>

Cry - ing- Your first de - cree; Your grand do - main, Your  
'Mer - cy'- my on - ly plea; My light- Your gaze; My

F C<sup>m</sup> D G<sup>m</sup> D G<sup>m</sup> C<sup>m</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> D 1 D.C. 2 G

crown and train- Dark - ness and dust and sheep.  
song- Your praise; My hope and prayer- Your peace.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Traditional English Melody

COVENTRY CAROL  
8.6.8.6.8.6.

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## Christmas Is the Story of a Gift

*After they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11, NASB)*

Christmas is the story of a Gift.

Love enjoys giving gifts!  
Love doesn't give out of obligation  
    or selfish motives.  
Love gives out of joy.  
Love gives because it is kind  
    and longs to bless everyone within its reach.

God is love.  
He is the giver of every good gift.  
He doesn't give out of need—  
    He has no need.  
God gives because He is full and overflows.  
He gives because He longs to bless  
    each and every one of us.

At Christmas God gives the greatest gift that can be given.  
He gives us *Himself*.  
To we who are so selfish  
    He is love—  
    pure, boundless, unconditional love.  
To all who are fearful and despairing  
    He is hope.  
In our worries and anxieties  
    He is joy and peace.  
    He is deep, unshakable well-being.  
And to all of us who are slaves to death  
    He is life—  
    rich, full, ever-growing life.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!  
Thanks be to God for  
    *Jesus*.

*Almighty Holy Father,  
You do not abandon us to  
our puny self-improvement schemes and  
our stumbling efforts.  
Your gift to each of us and all of us is  
the mighty life of Jesus Christ,  
ours by simple faith.*

**Hymn Recording: [Jesus, the Gift of Christmas](#)**

# Jesus, the Gift of Christmas

TUNE: The Friendly Beasts (ORIENTIS PARTIBUS)

♩ = 100

D A D D<sub>F#</sub> G<sup>6</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D A<sub>C#</sub>

1. Al - might - y God, we hear You call. We come and  
2. Qui - et our hearts while rest - ing here. No loud de -  
3. Fa - ther, may sim - ple faith in - crease And bring our

G<sub>B</sub> G A<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> A<sup>7</sup> B<sub>m</sub> D<sub>A</sub> G M<sup>7</sup> G<sup>6</sup> E<sub>m</sub> D<sub>F#</sub>

bow, so weak and small, To seek what You would  
sire, no no anx - ious fear, To Should en - ter Your now love while  
souls that sweet re - lease To know Your love and

E<sub>m</sub><sub>G</sub> G<sub>A</sub> B<sub>m</sub> B<sub>m</sub><sub>A</sub> G M<sup>9</sup> E<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup> D<sub>A</sub> A<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> A<sup>7</sup> D

give us all: Je - sus, the Gift of Christ - mas.  
He is near - Je - sus, the Gift of Christ - mas.  
joy and peace - Je - sus, the Gift of Christ - mas.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: French Melody, 13th c.; arr. by Ken Bible

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS  
8.8.8.7.

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## The Word

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it. (John 1:1-5, NASB)*

Matthew's gospel focuses on showing the Jews that  
Jesus is their promised Messiah.  
Thus he begins with Jesus' human genealogy,  
proving that Jesus descended from King David.

John's gospel focuses on  
Jesus' relationship with God,  
His Father.  
Therefore he begins with Jesus' divine genealogy.  
He says:

In the beginning,  
the very beginning,  
before anything else was,  
Jesus was already there with God the Father.  
They were two persons but  
one life,  
one Being,  
one God.

Jesus is the Word,  
the full and perfect Word,  
spoken from the Father's great heart to us.  
All that the Father wills,  
the Son makes reality.  
All that the Father's love imagines,  
all the life,  
all the light,  
all the riches of His own being,  
are born in our world and  
in us  
through Jesus Christ.

*Father, may Jesus Christ be  
all that You want Him to be*



*in my thinking,  
my speaking, and  
my doing.  
I want to be one with You in Him.*

**Hymn Recording: [God Is with Us! Alleluia!](#)**

# God Is with Us! Alleluia!

TUNE: All Creatures of Our God and King (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

Isaiah 7:14

♩ = 64 Unison

D D Bm G/B A sus A A/G D/F# G

1. His name is called Em - man - u - el- More  
2. Re - joice, and lay a - side your fear. Re -  
3. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise

D/F# A/E D Bm G/B A sus A A/G D/F# D/M7 G D

won - der - ful than words can tell. God is with us!  
joice, the Ho - ly One is here. God is with us!  
Him, all crea - tures here be - low. God is with us!

Bm A/C# Bm7/D E A D/F# Em7 D A/C# Bm7 G/M7/B G/B

Al - le - lu - ia! Born in our dark - ness, He is  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lift up Your voic - es, come and  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heav - 'nly

A sus A A/G D/F# A sus/G D/F# A7/E D G/B D/A G D/F# A/E D A/C#

Light. Born in our weak - ness, He is Might.  
sing. Come wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.  
host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

WORDS: Ken Bible, Tom Fettke, and Thomas Ken

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesange*, 1623; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

L.M. w. Alleluias

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$\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Bm}{A}$   $G^6$   $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$   $Em^7$   $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$   $G^6$   $A^7$   $Bm$   $\frac{A}{C\sharp}$   $D^6$   $E$   $A$

God is with us! Al - le - lu - ia! God is with us!

Detailed description: This is the first system of a musical score in D major (two sharps). It consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The system contains 12 measures. The first measure has a G4 quarter note. The second measure has an A4 quarter note. The third measure has a G4 quarter note. The fourth measure has an F#4 quarter note. The fifth measure has a D5 quarter note. The sixth measure has a D5 quarter note. The seventh measure has a G4 quarter note. The eighth measure has an A4 quarter note. The ninth measure has a B4 quarter note. The tenth measure has an A4 quarter note. The eleventh measure has a G4 quarter note. The twelfth measure has an E4 quarter note.

$Bm^7$   $\frac{F\sharp m}{C\sharp}$   $D^6$   $Em^7$   $\frac{A}{C\sharp}$   $\frac{F\sharp m}{D\sharp}$   $Em$   $\frac{GM^7}{F\sharp}$   $G^6$   $A$   $A^7$   $D$

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Detailed description: This is the second system of the musical score. It also consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The system contains 12 measures. The first measure has a B4 quarter note. The second measure has a C#5 quarter note. The third measure has a D5 quarter note. The fourth measure has an E5 quarter note. The fifth measure has a D5 quarter note. The sixth measure has a C#5 quarter note. The seventh measure has a B4 quarter note. The eighth measure has an A4 quarter note. The ninth measure has a G4 quarter note. The tenth measure has an F#4 quarter note. The eleventh measure has an E4 quarter note. The twelfth measure has a D4 quarter note.

## Jesus' Family

Notice the women mentioned in these excerpts from Matthew 1:1-16:

*A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:  
Abraham was the father of Isaac,  
Isaac the father of Jacob,  
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,  
Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was **Tamar**...*

*...Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab**,  
Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was **Ruth**,  
Obed the father of Jesse,  
and Jesse the father of King David.  
David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been **Uriah's wife**...*

*...and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of **Mary**,  
of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. (NIV)*

For a Jew in biblical times, his genealogy was the leading item on his resume. It was his pedigree, and often it included only men. The genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1 bends tradition by including five women. And what a colorful lot they were!

Tamar entered Jesus' family tree by seducing her father-in-law.

Rahab was a prostitute. Both she and Ruth were foreigners...outsiders...unclean Gentiles.

The woman called "Uriah's wife" was Bathsheba. She won her place by committing adultery with King David, who then murdered her husband.

And finally, Mary was a teenager who became pregnant before she was married.

Even in his genealogy, Jesus broke down all barriers between us, and between us and God. He embraces us all as His own family if we simply trust Him. *In Him there is no Jew nor Gentile, male nor female. We are all one in Jesus Christ* (Galatians 3:26, 28, para.). Our holy God is proud to call Himself our Brother (Hebrews 2:11, para.).

*Father, our treasure is not our passing possessions or  
the money that flows through our fingers,  
but You and Your eternal love for us.*

Hymn Recording: [\*\*Family Tree\*\*](#)

# Family Tree

Matthew 1

♩ = 78

D    Em<sup>7</sup>/<sub>D</sub>    D    A<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>/<sub>D</sub>    D    G/A    Em<sup>7</sup>/<sub>D</sub>    D    G    A<sup>sus</sup>    A    G/A

1. The Son of a vir - gin, Of Jo - seph, it seemed, Of  
(2. The) Son of our scan - dal, The Child of our shame, Im -  
(3. In) Christ we are fam - 'ly, In Christ we are one, A

Em<sup>7</sup>/<sub>D</sub>    D    D/A    A/C#    Bm    G    D/A    Em/A    G/A    D    D/F#

princ - es and pau - pers And all in - be - tween, The  
mersed in our suf - fring Tho' free of all blame, Tran -  
joy and a join - ing Here on - ly be - gun. We

G    D/F#    A/E    D    D/F#    G    D/F#    GM<sup>7</sup>    A<sup>sus</sup>    A    D/F#

Heir of a king - dom We hoped would ap - pear, The  
scend - ent and ho - ly, Yet hum - ble by birth, The  
praise You, we bless You, We lift, we a - dore Our

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Traditional Scottish Carol and Ken Bible

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G  $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$   $\frac{A}{E}$  D D<sup>sus</sup> D G  $\frac{D}{A}$  A $\sharp$ <sup>o7</sup> B<sup>m</sup> G

fruit of our fail - ure, Our weak - ness and fear, Our  
rich in - car - na - tion Of heav - en and earth, Of  
God and our Broth - er, Christ Je - sus our Lord, Christ

1, 2  $\frac{D}{A}$   $\frac{E^m}{A}$   $\frac{G}{A}$  D  $\frac{G}{D}$  3  $\frac{D}{A}$  A A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>sus</sup>  $\frac{D^{sus}}{A}$  D

weak - ness and fear. 2. The  
heav - en and earth. 3. In Je - sus our Lord!

## Simeon

*And when eight days were completed so that it was time for His circumcision, He was also named Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.*

*And when the days for their purification according to the Law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord: "Every firstborn male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what has been stated in the Law of the Lord: "A pair of turtledoves or two young doves."*

*And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him in his arms, and blessed God, and said,*

*"Now, Lord, You are letting Your bond-servant depart in peace,  
According to Your word;  
For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
Which You have prepared in the presence of all the peoples:  
A light for revelation for the Gentiles,  
And the glory of Your people Israel."*

*And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to His mother Mary, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and as a sign to be opposed— and a sword will pierce your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."  
(Luke 2:21-35, NASB)*

As far as the world around could see, it was  
an ordinary scene on  
an ordinary day.

Peasant parents had brought their newborn to the temple  
to do what the law of God required.

Jesus had been named on the eighth day,  
and His circumcision had marked His belonging to God's covenant people.

Now, after forty days, they had come  
to offer a sacrifice for Mary's cleansing (Leviticus 12:6-8) and  
to present Jesus to God.

From the time of the Exodus,  
when God saved Israel's firstborn sons from the destroying angel,  
God had claimed every firstborn son as His own  
(Exodus 13:2, 12; Numbers 3:13; 8:17).

Each could be redeemed for five shekels.  
But since Luke mentions no redemption,  
it's possible that Jesus was not redeemed.  
He was likely given back to the Lord for His service,  
as Samuel had been.

Unlike the birth, there was  
no angel choir,  
no spectacular vision.

But the Holy Spirit faithfully witnessed to the infant Messiah,  
as He always does:

*"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you." (John 15:26; 16:14, NIV)*

Already the Spirit had witnessed to Jesus  
through Elizabeth and the unborn John the Baptist (Luke 1:41-42) and  
through John's father, Zechariah (Luke 1:67).

Now the Spirit spoke through the righteous Simeon.  
Waiting, longing, and expecting, Simeon needed only  
the quiet, inner prompting of the Holy Spirit.

God allowed him to  
hold the infant Messiah and  
participate in a once-in-history move of God.

Through Simeon and  
through the ceremonies of God's law,  
Jesus was received into God's faithful people.

Those near Him,  
those who recognized Him as Messiah,  
like Simeon, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph,  
would be God's servants to  
welcome Him,  
nurture Him,  
train Him,  
support Him, and



spread the word about Him.  
They would share His suffering and  
be honored with a place in His timeless story.

Be like Simeon.  
Keep your eyes,  
your heart,  
your hope  
fixed on God.  
See Him move...  
and be ready to participate!

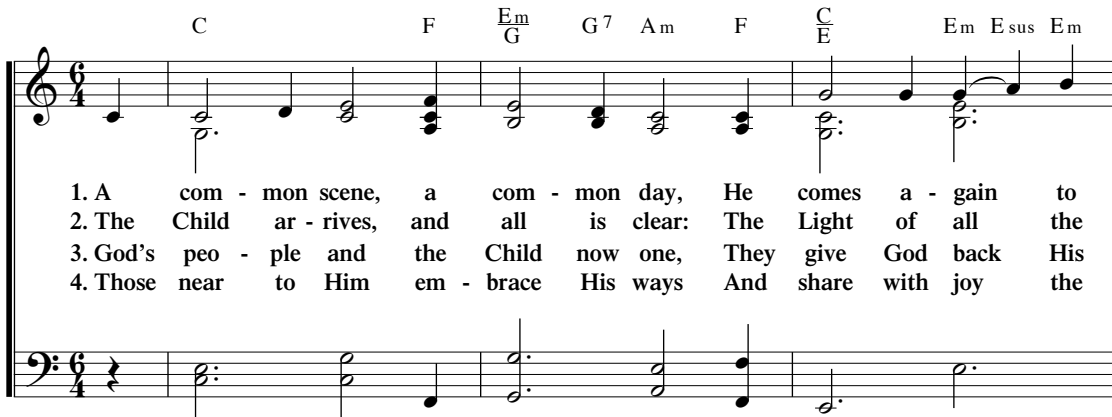
**Hymn Recording: [Simeon](#)**

# Simeon

Luke 2:21-35

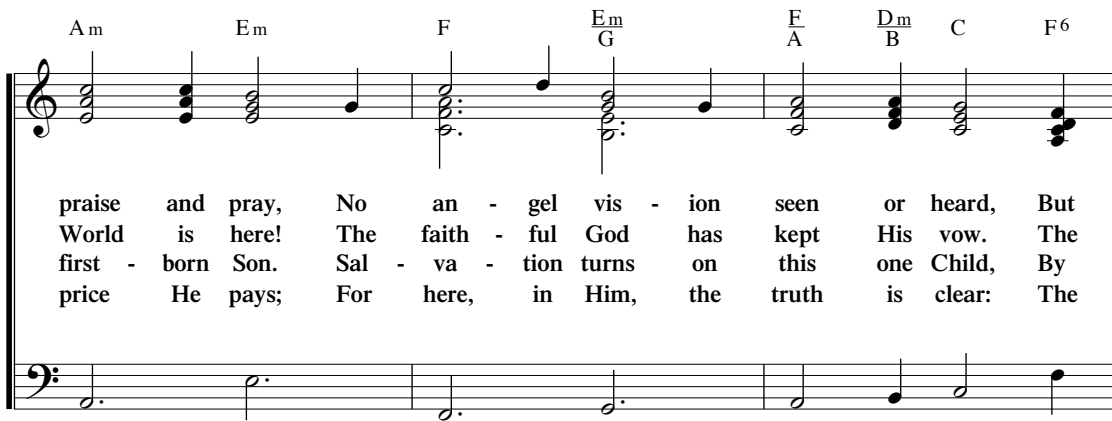
♩ = 144

C F  $\text{Em}$  G<sup>7</sup> A<sup>m</sup> F  $\text{C}$   $\text{Em}$  E<sup>sus</sup>  $\text{Em}$



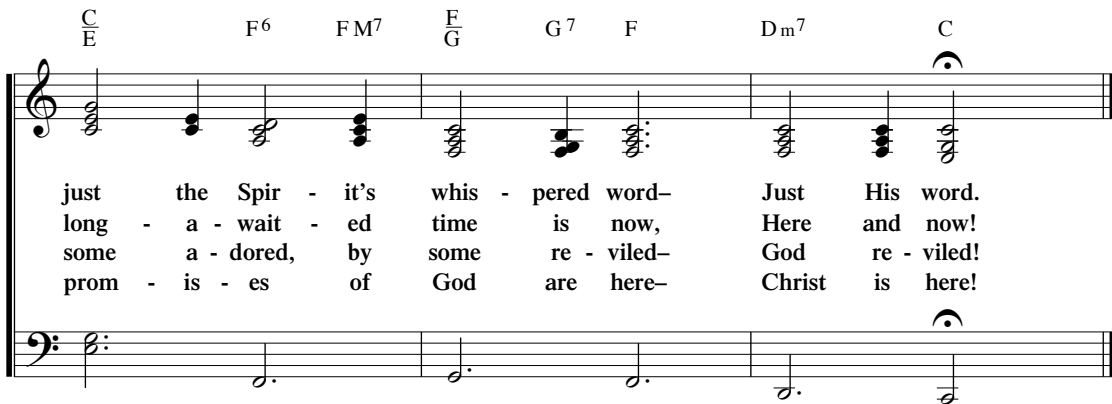
1. A com - mon scene, a com - mon day, He comes a - gain to  
2. The Child ar - rives, and all is clear: The Light of all the  
3. God's peo - ple and the Child now one, They give God back His  
4. Those near to Him em - brace His ways And share with joy the

A<sup>m</sup>  $\text{Em}$  F  $\text{Em}$  G  $\text{F}$  A  $\text{Dm}$  B C F<sup>6</sup>



praise and pray, No an - gel vis - ion seen or heard, But  
World is here! The faith - ful God has kept His vow. The  
first - born Son. Sal - va - tion turns on this one Child, By  
price He pays; For here, in Him, the truth is clear: The

$\text{C}$   $\text{E}$  F<sup>6</sup> F<sup>M7</sup>  $\text{F}$  G<sup>7</sup> F  $\text{Dm}^7$  C



just the Spir - it's whis - pered word— Just His word.  
long - a - wait - ed time is now, Here and now!  
some a - dored, by some re - viled— God re - viled!  
prom - is - es of God are here— Christ is here!

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) and Ken Bible

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## Christmas Is Past, Present, and Future

Christmas is more than just a celebration of a past event,  
however wonderful or important.

The God who came to us as an infant still comes to us  
personally,  
gently,  
quietly,  
now as then.

He still comes to us as marvelous, mysterious Life,  
drawing us toward Himself.

He is still the Light in every dark place,  
the Star shining from the bottomless blackness,  
the fresh glow in every dingy stable.

He still invites the magi and the shepherds,  
the highest and lowest of people.

He still comes in stunning humility,  
yet in unearthly glory.

He is still awe-inspiring in  
His transcendence and  
His simplicity.

The God who came  
is still coming.

And He is coming again.

As before, He will come  
unexpectedly,  
after a seemingly endless wait, and  
at just the right time.

But this time, He will come,  
not quietly,  
but with sound of a trumpet;  
not simply,  
but with all of heaven's angels;  
not in a dark corner,  
but where every eye will see Him.

He will come,  
not as a helpless infant,  
but as sovereign Lord and Judge of all.

The God who came  
is coming and  
will come again  
in love,  
to save completely all who will receive Him.

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# God Is Here among Us

Tune: In the Bleak Midwinter (CRANHAM)

Isaiah 9:2; Luke 2:1-20; Hebrews 2:11, 17

♩ = 80

$E\flat$   $E\flat_{\text{sus}}$   $E\flat$   $G$   $F\text{m}$   $A\flat$   $F\text{m}$   $A\flat$   $G$   $F\text{m}$   $F\text{m}^9$   $F\text{m}$   $A\flat$   $B\flat_{\text{sus}}$   $B\flat_{\text{sus}}$   $F$   $B\flat$   $B\flat^7$

1. God is here a - mong us, Cry - ing in the night,  
 2. Shar - ing all our small - ness, Feel - ing all our pain,  
 3. Star of all the a - ges Pierc - ing thro' our night,

$E\flat$   $E\flat_{\text{sus}}$   $F$   $E\flat$   $G$   $C$   $\text{sus}$   $C$   $\text{sus}$   $G$   $C\text{m}$   $C\text{m}$   $B\flat$   $F\text{m}$   $A\flat M^7$   $B\flat^7$   $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat_{\text{sus}}$   $E\flat_{\text{sus}}$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$

Cra - dled in our dark - ness, Come to be our Light.  
 He is bound - less bless - ing Time can - not con - tain,  
 Joy of ev - 'ry sta - ble, Com - fort, warmth, and light,

$A\flat$   $A\flat M^7$   $F\text{m}^7$   $F^7_{\text{sus}}$   $C\text{m}$   $C\text{m}$   $D$   $C\text{m}$   $E\flat$   $C\text{m}$   $G$   $G\text{m}$   $F\text{m}$   $A\flat$   $B\flat^7_{\text{sus}}$   $B\flat^7_{\text{sus}}$   $F$   $B\flat$   $B\flat^7$

He was born to suf - fer, One with all who grieve.  
 Song in all our si - lence, Peace in all our fear,  
 Love's un - chang - ing prom - ise, Heav - en's sure re - ward,

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Gustav Holst; arr. by Ken Bible

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E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>sus<sub>F</sub> E<sup>b</sup><sub>G</sub> E<sup>b</sup> C sus Csus<sub>G</sub> C<sup>m</sup> C<sup>m</sup><sub>B<sup>b</sup></sub> F<sup>m</sup><sub>A<sup>b</sup></sub> A<sup>b</sup>M7 B<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup><sub>B<sup>b</sup></sub> E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup><sub>B<sup>b</sup></sub> E<sup>b</sup>

He is born with - in us As we just be - lieve.  
 Hope thro' ev - 'ry sor - row, Bro - ther ev - er near.  
 Praise to You, our Sav - ior, Je - sus, ho - ly Lord!

## Christmas Is for Everyone!

Christmas is for everyone!  
God's great Gift is given to each of us  
and to all of us.

Jesus Christ is the Savior of the entire human race—  
not just *our* nation or *our* religion.

Culture doesn't matter.

Education doesn't matter.

Age doesn't matter.

Money doesn't matter.

Every human being can have a  
rich, full, satisfying life,  
now and forever,  
by simply trusting Jesus Christ.

God wants everyone to know!

Hymn Recording: [Christ the Lord Is with Us!](#)

# Christ the Lord Is with Us!

*Isaiah 40:9-11; 55:1-7; Matthew 22:2-14; Luke 14:15-24; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Revelation 22:16b-17*

$\text{♩} = 58$

C C F  $\frac{C}{E}$   $G^7_{\text{sus}}$  Am F<sup>6</sup> FM<sup>7</sup> F  $\frac{C}{G}$

1. The wel - come call goes out to all- The young may come, The  
2. For - ev - er God, for - ev - er man! The prom - ise comes! Our  
3. The high, the low are all His own. You doubt - ers, come! You

F<sup>6</sup> FM<sup>7</sup> F  $\frac{E_m}{G}$   $\frac{F}{G}$  C F  $\frac{C}{E}$   $G^{\#7}$  Am Am<sup>7</sup>

old may come. The rich, the poor, we all may come, For  
heav - en comes! Now love com - pletes what love be - gan, For  
guilt - y, come! The ho - ly life is flesh and bone, For

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Dm<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{C}{E}$  F  $\frac{C}{G}$  G Am G<sup>sus</sup> G C C Em F  $\frac{C}{G}$

Christ the Lord is with us! Je - sus! Je - sus!  
Christ the Lord is with us!  
Christ the Lord is with us!

WORDS: Ken Bible, inspired by John Chrysostom (4th c.)  
MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible


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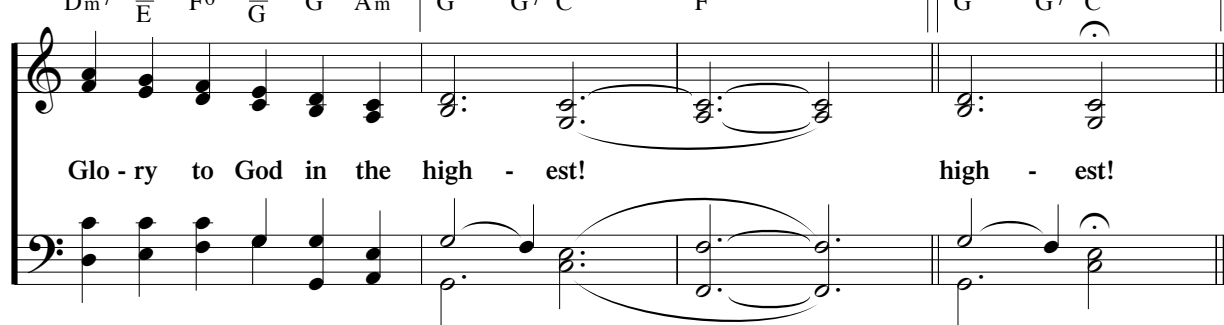


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  $\text{Em}$ 
 $\text{Em}^7$ 
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  $\text{C}$   
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God on earth! Man in heav - en! Je - sus! Je - sus!

$\text{Dm}^7$ 
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 $\text{C}$   
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 D.C.
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  $\text{G}^7$ 
 $\text{C}$



Glo - ry to God in the high - est! high - est!

## He Came

*The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14, NASB)*

When I read the story of creation in Genesis chapter 1, what I find most moving is the way God poured himself into the creation process. With the earth still a "formless void," He fashioned it step-by-step into a home for us.

He bathed it in light.

He brought order to the waters and the dry land.

Then He filled the skies, the seas, and the land with life--abundant life, life of every description, both plant and animal, life that even now is beyond our imagination. And at each stage He examined His work and saw that it was good. Reading this passage, you can sense the joy that He took in all He made. Here is a Mighty Being, infinite in power, infinite in wisdom, lovingly investing himself in the creation of a home for His children. He lavishly provides for their every need: warmth, water, food, friendship. Then He decorates this home with beauty, wonder, discovery, and surprise. He stocks this marvelous place with all the riches of life.

He is a Father. He wants the best for His children.

But ask yourself this: What if they go wrong? What if He sees them, not happy and at peace, but in desperate need, confused, self-centered, ignoring Him and using His precious gifts to destroy themselves? What if He has to watch as they needlessly suffer and die?

What would such a Father do, consumed by love for His lost children?

He would come to them. He would come himself. He would live among them and be like them so that He could understand and know them. He would talk to them, face-to-face. He would touch them and let them touch Him. He would heal them, feed them, comfort them, and teach them. And if necessary, like any Father, He would gladly die for them.

And that's what He did. He came to us.

He was born the poorest of children. He taught, fed, healed, and comforted His people. He walked, talked, and suffered with them. And after only 33 years, He died the most hated and most loved of all our race.

Discover Him.

Discover this person,

this God.  
Discover your  
    your Creator,  
    your divine Brother,  
        the One who came to make life all it can be and  
        all His love had conceived it to be.  
Discover Him for yourself.  
Discover  
    *Jesus*.

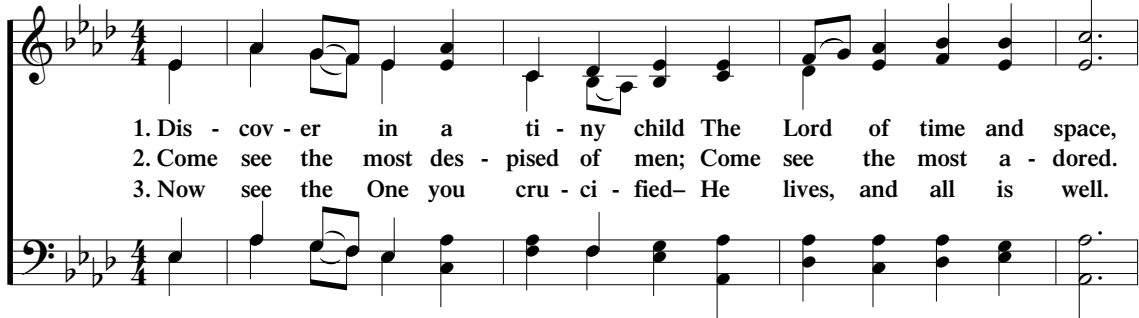
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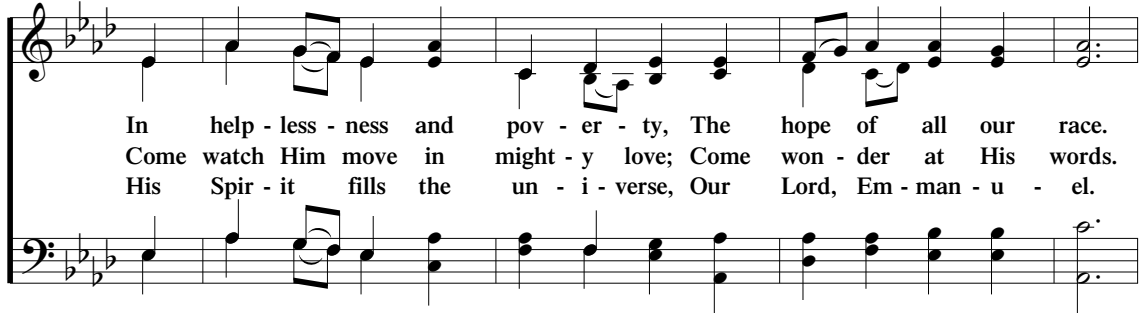
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1. Dis - cov - er in a ti - ny child The Lord of time and space,  
2. Come see the most des - pised of men; Come see the most a - dored.  
3. Now see the One you cru - ci - fied— He lives, and all is well.

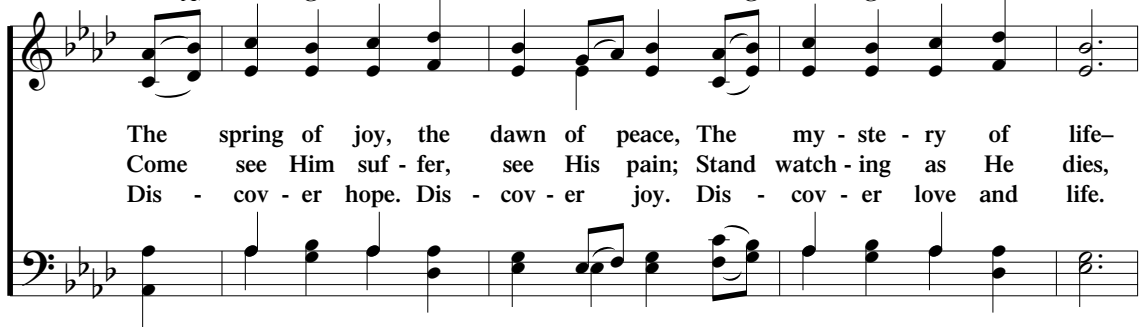
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In help - less - ness and pov - er - ty, The hope of all our race.  
Come watch Him move in might - y love; Come won - der at His words.  
His Spir - it fills the un - i - verse, Our Lord, Em - man - u - el.


$\text{A}^\flat$   $\text{E}^\flat7\text{sus}/\text{A}^\flat$   $\text{A}^\flat$   $\text{E}^\flat/\text{G}$   $\text{A}^\flat$   $\text{D}^\flat$   $\text{E}^\flat$   $\text{E}^\flat\text{susE}^\flat$   $\text{Fm}$   $\text{E}^\flat/\text{G}$   $\text{A}^\flat$   $\text{E}^\flat/\text{G}$   $\text{A}^\flat$   $\text{D}^\flat$   $\text{E}^\flat$



The spring of joy, the dawn of peace, The my - ste - ry of life—  
Come see Him suf - fer, see His pain; Stand watch - ing as He dies,  
Dis - cov - er hope. Dis - cov - er joy. Dis - cov - er love and life.

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$\text{A}^\flat/\text{C}$   $\text{Fm}$   $\text{B}^\flat\text{m}/\text{F}$   $\text{E}^\flat$   $\text{A}^\flat$   $\text{D}^\flat$   $\text{Fm}$   $\text{E}^\flat\text{sus}$   $\text{E}^\flat\text{E}^\flat7$   $\text{A}^\flat$



Come touch the hand and heart of God: Dis - cov - er Je - sus Christ.  
And hear for - give - ness for your sins: Dis - cov - er Je - sus Christ.  
Dis - cov - er God your dear - est friend. Dis - cov - er Je - sus Christ.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl*, 1784

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C.M.D.

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