



All Saints Anglican Church

BIBLICAL FAITH + APOSTOLIC ROOTS

December 24, 2023 Christmas Carols & Stories (10:30 pm)



PRELUDE

Kelly Abrams, Harp

INTRODUCTION

82 The First Nowell (*verses 1-2, 4-5*)

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of God's bright star,
Three wise men approached from a kingdom afar;
To seek the king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell rev'rently upon their knee;
A fitting gift did each present:
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*

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47 **Tw'as in the moon of wintertime**

*'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that God the Lord of all the earth sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:*

*Refrain: Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.*

*Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found,
a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high: Refrain*

*The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaverpelt. Refrain*

*O children of the forest free, the angel song is true;
the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy. Refrain*

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83 **We Three Kings** (*verses 2-4 sung by soloists*)

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!

*“Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign.” Refrain*

*“Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Pray’r and praising, All men raising, worship him, God on high.”
Refrain*

*“Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.”
Refrain*

Glorious now behold him arise,
King, and God, And Sacrifice;
Heav’n sings Alleluia;
Alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

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O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Susan Keen

*O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

Chorus: *Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Fill it with the glory of your light;
O make my heart a manger Lord Jesus
where the Christ child can be born tonight.*

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today,
We hear the Christmas angels; Their wondrous tidings tell
Come to us abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel. Chorus*

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37 **Good Christian men, rejoice**

Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath oped the heav'nly door,
And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

