

WORSHIP RESOURCE

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GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin, Laura Story, and Matt Merker, 2023

Listen to the story where every longing heart finds its perfect peace.
People were waiting, lost and rebelling; God chose to come redeem.
See now a spark igniting, a hope returning; the angels sing.

Good news, great joy has come to us!

He is light and life, born to pierce the night,

Bringing blessing evermore; lift your voice and sing for joy.

Born into our weakness, he came to heal us far as the curse is found.
Lord of every nation, King of creation, hope for the weary world.
Our Savior who dwells among us, his name is Jesus, Emmanuel!

Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth, good will to men.

Glory to God in the highest. Christ the Lord forever reigns.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739 | Music by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

KING OF KINGS

Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram, 2019

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
till from heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless of glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side. Knowing this
was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. And the morning that
You rose all of heaven held its breath till that stone was moved for
good, for the Lam had conquered death. And the dead rose from their
toms, and the angel stood in awe, for the souls of all who'd come to
the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His
blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free, for the love of
Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

Traditional English Carol | English Melody, 16th Century

What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are
keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and
angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for
you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant king, to own
him; the King of kings, salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone
him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 110; Isaiah 13:1-13; Hebrews 12:18-29; John 3:22-30

MONDAY | Ps. 40; Isaiah 8:16-9:1; 2 Peter 1:1-11; Luke 22:39-53

TUESDAY | Ps. 33; Isaiah 9:2-7; 2 Peter 1:12-21; Luke 22:54-69

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 53; Isaiah 9:8-17; 2 Peter 2:1-10; Mark 1:1-8

THURSDAY | Ps. 126; Isaiah 9:18-10:4; 2 Peter 2:10-16; Matt. 3:1-12

FRIDAY | Ps. 16; Isaiah 10:5-19; 2 Peter 2:17-22; Matthew 11:2-15

SATURDAY | Ps. 90; Isaiah 10:20-27; Jude 17-25; Luke 3:1-9

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Loving God, during this Advent season, help us to sing aloud and re-
joice in you with full and gracious hearts. We know that you have tak-
en away the judgments against us, and that you are in our midst.
When fears overcome us, may we remember that you delight in us
with gladness; that you quiet us with your love; that you rejoice over
us with singing. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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