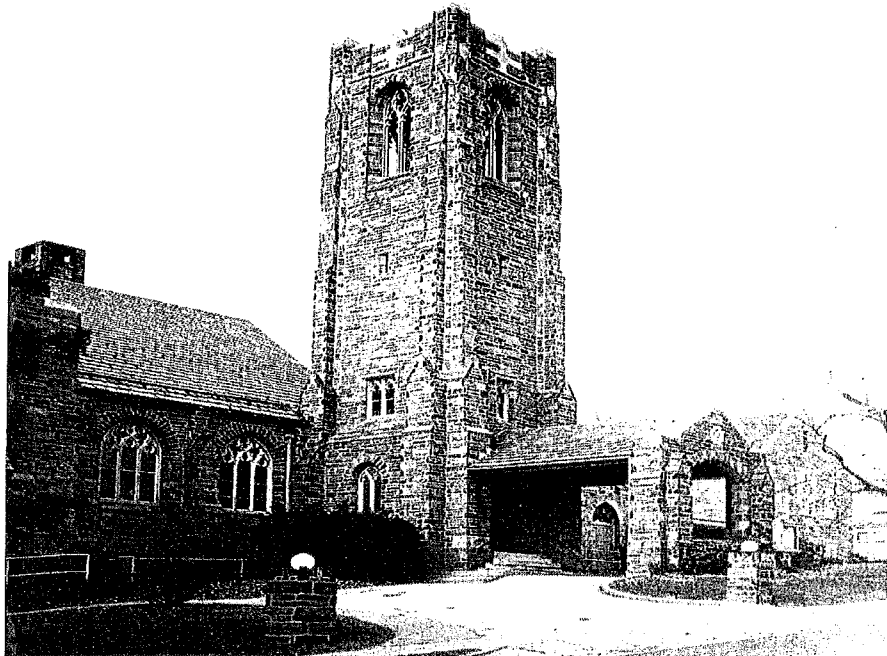


## Prayer for Use Before Worship

*Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being:  
You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless  
until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,  
no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see clearly,  
and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.***



**Carmel Presbyterian Church**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**  
**January 1, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**

**Greeting and Announcements**

Prelude

**Forest Green**  
**(O Little Town of Bethlehem)**

Dale Wood

**\* Please stand if you are able.**

**\* Call to Worship**

The Christ child is born! All you who would find him,  
**prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi.**  
All you who would praise him,  
**come with the faith to follow but a star.**  
All you who would worship him,  
**come with humility to the child**  
**who shows forth the immeasurable riches of God.**

**\* HYMN 22**

**Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

Regent Square

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

**\* Hymn 567 Gloria Padri**

**"Glory to the Father"**

**John Weaver**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

***Prayer for Illumination***

God of light and life, open our eyes as well as our ears, so that we may not only hear your Word preached today but then see your Word lived out in our lives and in your world, through Christ, our Lord, the light of the world. Amen.

***First Testament Reading***

*The first reading is Isaiah 63:7-9. Listen for the Word of God to You.*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,  
because of all that the LORD has done for us,  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely";  
and he became their savior  
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Epistle Reading***

*Our epistle reading is Romans 8:26-39. Listen for the Word of God to you.*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Reading***

*Our gospel reading is Matthew 2:13-23. Listen for the Word of God to you:*

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

**Sermon**

***"God's Unbreakable Resolutions"***

**Robert Emberger**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

*Inspired by the promise of God's Word, let us give our thanks and praise – so we may continue God's work as we move into God's week.*

**\*HYMN 307**

***"Fight the Good Fight"***

**Duke Street**

***Invitation to the Offering***

*(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)*

**Offertory**

***O Magnum Mysterium***  
***Meg Vandegrift, soprano soloist***

**Morten Lauridsen**

O magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile sacramentum  
ut animalia viderent Dominum  
natum, jacentum in praesepeio!  
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera  
meruerunt portare  
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

O great mystery,  
and wondrous sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn  
Lord, lying in their manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear the  
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**\*Doxology 592**

***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"***

**Old Hundredth**

***\*Prayer of Dedication***

**Bright Morning Star, your light has come, and your birth, O Jesus, has overwhelmed us with joy. Like the Magi of long ago, may we be drawn to you and offer you such gifts as we are able. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

**Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation**

**HYMN 581**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***

**Joseph Roff**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

...Life's greatest feast is before us, we excitedly proclaim:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**Prayer for the Work of the Spirit and Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements**

**Communion Music**

***In the Bleak Midwinter***

**Wilbur Held**

**Prayer after Communion (unison)**

**With praise on our lips and love in our hearts for you, O Lord our God, we have gathered around your Table! Accept our songs of praise as sweet offerings to you for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Purify our hearts as you hear our songs. Help us to hear your call in our lives, and even as we hear, to respond with faith and commitment. Guide us to love you more deeply. Lead us to love one another more. Help us to love others with the kind of love you have shown toward us. We praise you and give you our love. Praise the name of the Lord! Amen.**

**\*Hymn 51**

***See Amid the Winter's Snow***

**Humility**

**\* *Charge and Benediction***

***Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)***

**Postlude**

***The First Nowell***

**Ashley Grote**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE CORDIALLY WELCOME** for our New Years Day service Rev. Bob Emberger. Bob was born and raised in Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Lincoln High School, Cairn University (formerly Philadelphia College of Bible), Biblical Theological Seminary (now Mission Seminary), and holds a doctorate in pastoral counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. Bob served as the Executive Director of the Whosoever Gospel Mission for 33 years from February 1989 until March 2022. He continues to serve at the Mission in a part-time capacity as Director of Advancement.

**THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY!**

**WE ALSO WELCOME** those who are visiting today. **We are grateful** for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will join with us again. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with a Pastor if you are interested in membership. A **Virtual Fellowship Time** is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building. Welcome!

**CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS** of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care** and **Children's Worship (Grades K-3)** during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. We request that if you desire **nursery care** for your child during Sunday worship, please call the **Church Office by Friday noon**, so that the nursery is staffed. **Children's Worship** does not require reserving ahead. Children leave the Sanctuary for Carmel Hall after the **Children's Message**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; or Melissa MacFarland, Children's Worship leader.

**THIS MORNING THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY** are given in loving memory of Wes Rose, always and forever in our hearts, by the Rose Family.

**YOUR 2023 PLEDGE AND GIVING ENVELOPES** – Be sure to pick up your Stewardship offering envelopes. A financial pledge to Carmel is an expression of your faith, investment, and commitment to our mission. Pledges provide stability to budgeting so planning is possible for the year ahead.

**CARMEL YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM) INVITES YOUTH IN GRADES 3-8! – Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM)** welcomes all kids in Grades 3-8. It meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30–7:30 in Carmel Hall. Fun, fellowship, and growing together as a group guides the group and leaders. **CYM leaders** Joyce, Katey, Melissa, and Jed look forward to seeing you. **NOTE:** there will be no group meeting this Wednesday.

**MUSIC NOTES FROM CARMEL’S BALCONY** – Please hold the date for a new year of church choirs. Join us in the new season of singing and ringing.

- **Children’s Choir**, for anyone in Grades K-2, Wednesdays, 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.
- **Junior Choir**, for anyone in Grades 3-8, Wednesdays, 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM
- **Youth Choir**, for anyone in Grades 9-12, Sundays, 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM
- **Sanctuary Choir**, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, Thursdays, 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- **Handbell Choir**, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, Mondays 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**SPEND SOME TIME WITH CARMEL’S NEW AND GREATLY IMPROVED WEBSITE!** Explore the wealth of information at [www.presbycarmel.org](http://www.presbycarmel.org). Photos of our recent “Candlelight Carol Service” are now up on the Carmel Web! Easily find links for the current livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation— and find out the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

**SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE** several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

**JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH!** **Live Streaming Worship** continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone and on Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. See below!

***Participating in Worship this Morning***

*Robert Emberger, Supply Pastor*

*Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music*

*Lynne Schutt, Worship Leader*

*Ken Schuyler and Katey Schuyler, Ushers*

*Walt Newman and Rod Hackman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency*

*Procedure (CPEP) Members*

*Jay Raulinaitis, Dave Rice and Tom Bohlander, Live-Streaming Operators*



**Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live streamed at 10:00 am)**  
YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlilDvsRw>  
**Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409  
**“Virtual Fellowship Time” may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.**

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**COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

Happy New Year!  
Worship in Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM  
No Coffee Hour in Carmel Hall

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

Church Office is closed for the holiday  
Nursery School on break

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

Rev. John M. Diller begins  
Nursery School resumes

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

Staff Meeting, 10:30 AM,  
Children’s Choir (grades K-2), 5:00-5:40 PM, Choir Room & Sanctuary  
Junior Choir (grades 3-8), 5:45-6:30 PM, Choir Room & Sanctuary  
Refuge, 6:30-7:30 PM, Carmel Hall

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

Sanctuary Choir, 7:30-9:00 PM, Choir Room & Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

Remove decorations from Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

Worship in Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming) 10:00 AM, including the  
Ordination and Installation of new Church Officers  
Coffee Hour, 11:00 AM Carmel Hall

## Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825  
Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon - der shines the in - fant light:  
Seek the great de - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:  
Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One:

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

# Glory to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

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John Weaver, 1978

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Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is

now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. A - men. A - men.

\*May be sung as a canon.

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Fight the Good Fight

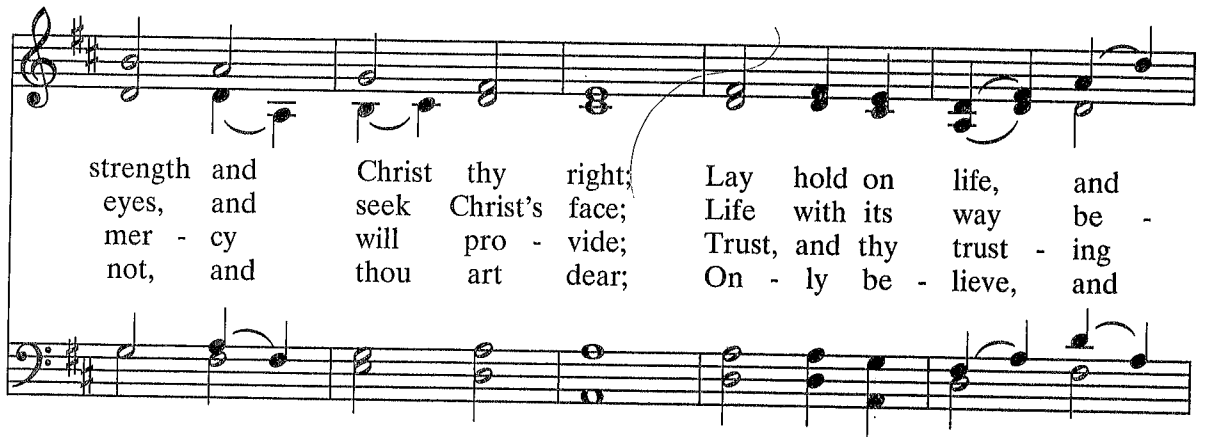
DUKE STREET LM

John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863; alt.

John Hatton (d. 1793)



1. Fight the good fight with all thy might; Christ is thy  
 2. Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine  
 3. Cast care a - side, lean on thy guide; God's bound-less  
 4. Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near; God chang-eth



strength and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and  
 eyes, and seek Christ's face; Life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide; Trust, and thy trust - ing  
 not, and thou art dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
 thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee.

SERVICE MUSIC

# 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Doxology*

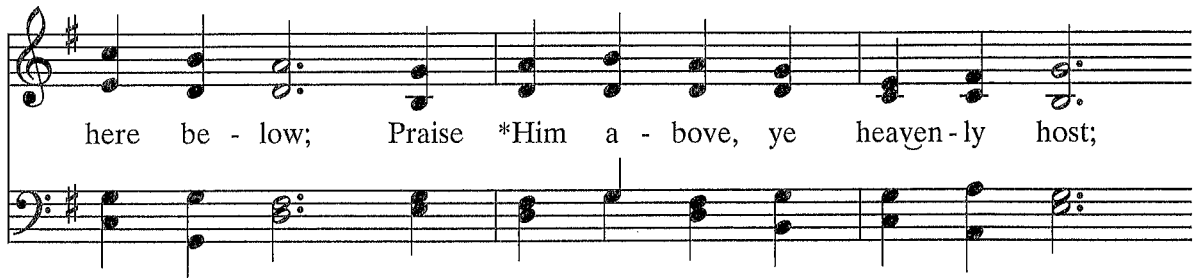
OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise \*Him, all creatures



here below; Praise \*Him above, ye heavenly host;



Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

*Sanctus*

Joseph Roff, 1980

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

The first system of the musical score. It features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower two staves. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,"

heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

The second system of the musical score. The lyrics are: "heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the"

high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the

The third system of the musical score. The lyrics are: "high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the"

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system of the musical score, concluding the piece. The lyrics are: "Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

## See Amid the Winter's Snow

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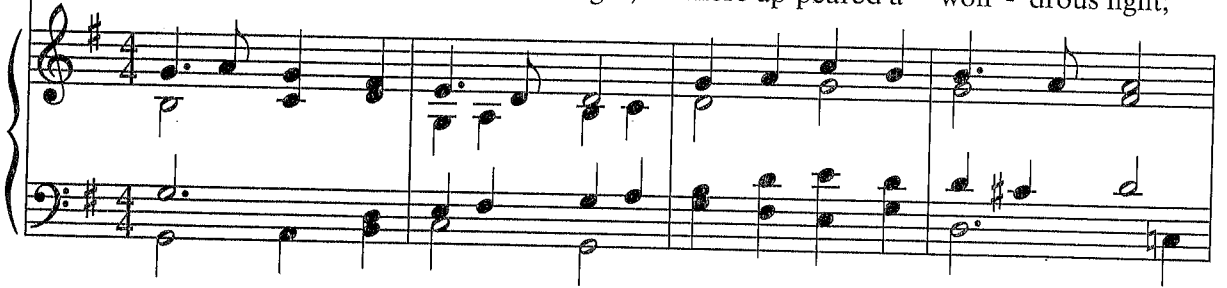
HUMILITY 7.7.7.7 with refrain

Edward Caswall, 1858

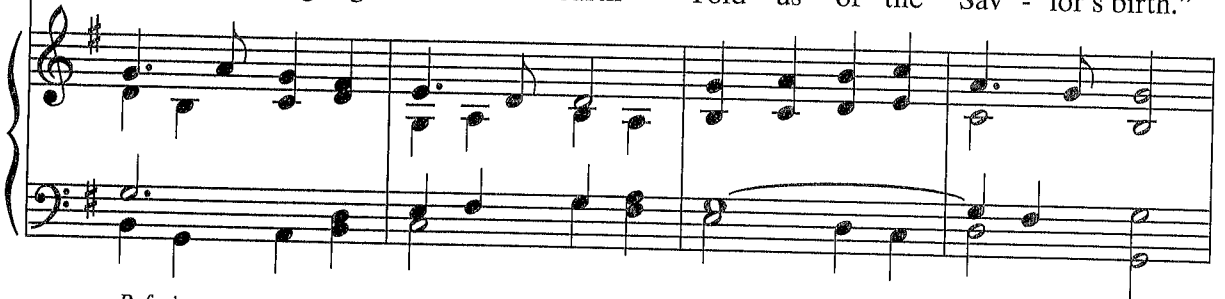
John Goss, 1871



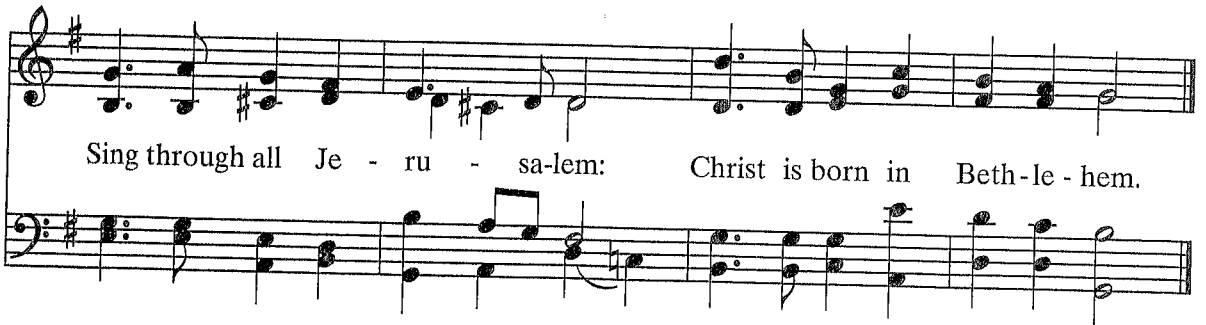
1. See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,  
 2. Say, you ho - ly shep - herds, say, Tell your joy - ful news to - day.  
 3. "As we watched at dead of night, There ap - peared a won - drous light;



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.  
 Why have you now left your sheep On the lone - ly moun - tain steep?  
 An - gels sing - ing 'Peace on earth' Told us of the Sav - ior's birth."

*Refrain*

Hail that ev - er - bless - ed morn, Hail re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn,



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.