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ELUDE

*Chorale (Veni Emmanuel)*

Cardon Burnham  
(1956)

*Father's Love Begotten*

Katherine Crosier  
(1980)

Corde natus ex Parentes  
Ante mund, exordium,  
A et O cognominatus,  
Ipse fons et clausula  
Omnium quae sunt, fuerunt,  
Quaeque post futura sunt,  
Saeculorum saeculis.

This is he whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav'n adore him;  
Angel hosts, his praises sing;  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him  
And extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's redeemer,  
First revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unwearied praises be:  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore.

*Nicholas Comes to Myra (from Saint Nicholas, Op. 42)*

Benjamin Britten  
(1913-1976)

Come, stranger sent from God!  
Come, man of God!  
Stand foremost in our Church, and serve  
this diocese,  
as Bishop Nicholas, our shield, our  
strength, our peace!

(Congregation stands and sings)

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice!  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

I Nicholas, Bishop of Myra and its diocese,  
shall with the unfailing grace of God,  
defend his faithful servants, comfort the  
widow and fatherless,  
and fulfill his will for this most blessed  
Church.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto,  
Praise, laud and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

Place the mitre on your head to show your  
mastery of men!  
Take the golden robe that covers you with  
Christ's authority!  
Wear the fine dalmatic woven with the  
cross of faith. Amen!  
Bear the crozier as a staff and comfort to  
your flock! Amen!

For why? the Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure. Amen.

Set the ring upon your hand,  
the ring upon your hand in sacramental  
sign,  
in sign of wedlock with God! Amen!  
Serve the Faith and spurn his enemies,  
Serve the Faith!



PSALMS

Nicholas: O Lord, open thou my lips.  
 Choir: And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
 Nicholas: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.  
 Choir: Make haste to help me, O Lord.  
 Nicholas: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
 Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
 Nicholas: O come, let us worship the Lord.  
 Choir: For he is our Maker.

*exultemus Domino*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck  
 (1562-1621)

Venite, exultemus Domino;  
 Jubilemus Deo, salutari nostro.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
 Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Praeoccupemus faciem ejus in confessione;  
 Et in psalmis jubilemus ei.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
 Let us make a joyful noise to him with

Quoniam Deus magnus Dominus,  
 Et Rex magnus super omnes deos.

songs of praise!  
 For the Lord is a great God,  
 And a great King above all gods.



PSALMODY

*Cantate Domino*

Z. Randall Stroope  
 (1988)

Cantate Domino canticum novum,  
 Adorate Dominum in atrio sancto eius.

Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*Psalm 100*

René Clausen  
 (1986)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,  
 Serve the Lord with gladness,  
 Come into His presence with singing.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
 And His courts with praise,  
 Give thanks to Him and praise His holy name.

Know that the Lord is God,  
 It is He who made us, not we ourselves.

For the Lord is good, His mercy endures forever,

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture,  
 And we are His.

And His faithfulness endures  
 From generation to generation,  
 From age to age.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.



SERMON  
OF SAINT  
NICHOLAS

*My People:*

*Observe about you your world, this great busy, bustling world, attractive and repulsive, ennobling and debasing world of art and music, of education and recreation, of government and family and clan. This is OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN! The Father's love courses through its arteries! The busy thoroughfares and colorful bazaars of this city are BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER'S LOVE!*

*Even the creatures who come out of the forests, who come down from the mountains, are set in motion by the Father's love! Even the rain at night has a Father, and the cold that freezes the lakes. All your hopes, desires, loves, and affections, for fathers, mothers, friends, heavens, the earth, gardens, palaces, sciences, works, food, drink, nights and days and changing seasons, storms and laughter and tears, firesides and shadows, the shouts of children, friendships, a stranger's voice, even the wounds and hurts and bitter experiences which have made you strong and sunk your roots deeper than a tree's roots. This is the Father's Love!*



Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

(Abbot's Leigh)

(Congregation stands and sings)



God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let earth re -  
God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in one em -  
God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all hu - man



ice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him and ex - alt him  
ace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us, ev - 'ry child of  
ife, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing kind-ness guides us through our



with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, God who  
ev - 'ry race. And when hu - man hearts are break - ing un - der  
orth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall nev - er o'er us



read the heavens a - bove, God who breathes thro' all cre -  
sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that self - same  
fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so Love for -



a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
ch - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
v - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

A Voice: *But we do not like this world,  
this isn't good enough for us, and we are not happy.  
We live quietly, and avoid notice,  
living and partly living.  
Sometimes the crops fail, and sometimes the harvest is too  
good.  
This was a year of too much rain.  
And next may be too dry.  
Our neighbors are certainly nice enough,  
but they really aren't at all like us.  
We are all so different.  
They are so different...too different.  
Yet we go on...living and partly living.*

Nicholas: *The beauty of the Father's world!  
fields, stars, music!  
the grace of relationships!  
parents, children,  
the meaning of love!*

A Voice: *We go to church.  
We educate the children.  
We do our daily tasks.  
Rarely do we complain out loud.  
We donate some money to those who are less fortunate.  
We notice the world around us.  
A portion of our time is set aside for our families.  
And a portion of our time is set aside for worthy causes.  
We go on living and partly living.*

Nicholas: *The Father's love.  
The Father's love,  
like a great ocean,  
floats our little islands of effort!*

A Voice: *Of course, there are some who think they are oppressed.  
And some people have too much money  
while others live in poverty.  
There have been minor injustices.  
There have been murders.  
But it does not touch us.  
We go on...living and partly living.*

Nicholas: *I will send the prophet!  
He will inform these murmurers!  
They limp with two different opinions, these half livers!  
Ho, there, you people, here is a prophet!  
Circle of the blind!  
What are you doing?  
Let a man of vision into your midst!*

*The Prophet: Woe to you who are at leisure in Minnesota,  
and feel secure on the hills of St. Peter.*

*Who live in comfortable houses,  
on suburban streets,  
in the quiet countryside.*

*Who feast on choice sirloin,  
and broil meats over charcoal for the fun of it,  
then wash them down with mineral water.*

*Who listen to CDs,  
watch computerized television,  
and give your children music lessons,*

*But are not grieved over the ruin of your countrymen  
and ignore complacently the "hidden" America.  
Who do not even see your neighbor.*

*Woe to you who go to Trinity and transgress.  
And to First Church and multiply transgressions.  
Behold, I despise your feasts,  
I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.*

*Let justice roll down like waters  
and righteousness like a mighty stream!*

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*nough (from Elijah, Op. 70)*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

*It is enough; O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than  
my fathers!*

*I desire to live no longer; now let me die, for my days are but vanity!*

*I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts,  
For the children of Israel have broken thy covenant,  
And thrown down thine altars, and slain all thy prophets with the  
sword.*

*And I, even I only am left,  
And they seek my life to take it away.*

*The Prophet: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
small as you are to be among Judah's clans,  
out of you shall come a ruler for Israel  
whose origin is from old,  
from ancient days.  
He shall appear and be your shepherd.  
He shall stand and feed his flock  
in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth, and he shall be a man of peace.*

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*There Shall A Star Come Out of Jacob (from Christus, Op. 97)*

Felix Mendelssohn

*There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of  
Israel,  
With might destroying princes and cities!*

*As bright the star of morning gleams,  
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams,  
Of light and consolation.  
Thy Word, O Lord,  
Radiance darting, Truth imparting, Gives salvation;  
Thine be praise and adoration!*

*Nicholas: I see that the darkness of the infinite heavens, whirled into life  
and being by the power of my love, has drawn the light of a  
myriad of stars into itself, and incarnated itself in a form of  
flesh and blood. And in that form, what aeons of thought and  
striving, untold yearnings of limitless skies, the countless gifts  
of unnumbered seasons! Son, O my Son!*

*In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

*from the Christmas Eve Suite (1894)*

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov  
(1844-1908)

*In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God...*

Jeffrey Rickard  
(1971)

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace goodwill toward men.



"Trinity" by Dierdre Lutzwick

My Sheep I Watched

(Als ich bei meinen Schafen)

(Congregation stands and sings)



While by my sheep I watched at night, glad tid - ings brought an  
There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth - le - hem a  
There shall He lie, in man - ger stall, this Child who shall re -  
This gift of God I'll cher - ish still, that ev - 'ry joy my

Choir:



an - gel bright: How great my joy! Great my joy!  
Child to - day.  
deem us all.  
heart shall fill.

All:

Choir:

All:



Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

Choir:



Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

R. Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)

God rest you merry, Gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood,  
Each other now embrace,  
The holy tide of Christmas,  
Is drawing on apace.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

ong! Merrily On High

David Charlesworth  
(1985)

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing:

E'en so here below, below, be bells in steeple swungen,  
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen:

Pray you dutifully prime your Matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime your Evetime Song, ye singers:

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

ury on "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Douglas E. Wagner  
(1988)

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"*

ee Kings

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

"Who knocks tonight so late?" The weary porter said.  
Three Kings stood at the gate, Each with a crown on head.  
The serving man bowed down, The inn was full, he knew.  
Said he, "In all this town is no fit place for you!"  
A light the manger lit: There lay the Mother meek.  
Said they, "This place is fit: Here is the rest we seek!"



"Nativity" by Dierdre Luzwick

*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."*

and Mary

collected by R. Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)  
arr. Susan Smith  
(1991)

O, Joseph being an old man truly,  
He married a virgin fair and free;  
A purer virgin could no man see  
Than he chose for his wife and his dearest  
dear.

They lived both in joy and bliss;  
But now a strict commandment is,  
In Jewry-land no man should miss  
To go along with his dearest dear.

Unto the place where he was born,  
Unto the Emperor to be sworn,  
To pay a tribute that's duly known,  
Both for himself and his dearest dear.

And when they were to Bethlehem come,  
The inns were filled, both all and some;  
For Joseph entreated them, every one,  
Both for himself and his dearest dear.

The king of all power was in Bethlehem  
born,  
Who wore for our sakes a crown of thorn,  
Then God preserve us both even and morn  
For Jesus' sake, our dearest dear.

JOSEPH

*At the engagement party, Moshe winked:  
"May all your troubles be little ones."*

*All Nazareth soon knew there'd be a little one.  
Could I trust Mary's innocent story?  
Or make sense of my strange dream?*

*In the midst of my wild questions, Caesar  
levied taxes, and we journeyed to Bethlehem,  
seventy miles as an angel flies.  
But the burdened donkeys never fly,  
and I too walked those dusty miles.  
I would not have planned such a honeymoon!*

*In Bethlehem, every bed taken,  
we finally found a stable behind an inn.  
Bethlehem was no rest stop, believe me,  
especially for her in her labor.*

*I was there, of course, but of little help.*

*That unforgettable night brought a wondrous  
mix of animals and angels, of fear and peace.*

*Afterwards we still had forty anxious days  
for Mary's cleansing. I agonized about lost wages,  
earned a skimpy sixteen denarii helping Abel build a shed.*

*Then, caught in Herod's holocaust of infants,  
we fled as refugees to Egypt. Skirting  
Judea, we returned home exhausted.  
But we had become a family.*

- Bernhard Hillila

Nicholas: *And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of the Father was upon him. Now when the time was fulfilled, Jesus began to preach, "You must change your hearts and minds — for the kingdom of God has arrived." When he saw vast crowds gathering, he went up on the mountain. There he took his seat, and when his disciples had gathered round him he began to address them. This is the teaching he gave.*



ATTITUDES

Paul Christiansen  
(1971)

Send out thy light and thy truth, and let them lead me.  
Show us thy way, teach us thy paths,  
O Lord, speak to us.

Narrator: And God, who in times past spoke to us through the prophets, has also spoken to us through his Son, who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of his majesty on high.

Send out thy light and thy truth and let them lead me.  
Show us thy ways, lead us in thy paths,  
Lead us in thy truth, speak to us.

Jesus: "I and my Father are one. He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

In Him was life;

Jesus: "I have come down from heaven not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on him, may have everlasting life."

Send out thy light, Lord Jesus,  
Show us thy ways.

Jesus: "I am the way, for I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done unto you. And the words that I speak to you; they are spirit and they are life. If a man love me, he will keep my words and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and we will live with him."

My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and we will live with him.

Jesus: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."  
"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."  
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."  
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."  
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

*When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing." Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.*



Nicholas: *O my people, what have I done to you;  
wherein have I afflicted you?  
Answer me!  
Because I led you out of the land of Egypt,  
you have prepared a cross for your Savior.  
What more ought I have done for you than I have done?  
I planted you as my most beautiful vineyard,  
and you have become excessively bitter to me.  
I opened the sea before you,  
and you have opened my side with a spear.  
I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
and you have led me before the judgment seat of Pilate.  
I gave you a royal scepter;  
and you have put on my head a crown of thorns.  
O my people,  
I have exalted you with great strength,  
and you have hanged me on the gibbet of the cross!*

Night, Op. 42, No. 1

Samuel Barber  
(1910-1981)

No night could be darker than this night, no cold so cold,  
as the blood snaps like a wire and the heart's sap stills,  
and the year seems defeated.

O never again, it seems, can green things run, or sky birds fly,  
or the grass exhale its humming breath, powdered with pimpurnels,  
from this dark lung of winter.

Yet here are lessons from the final mile of pilgrim kings;  
the mile still left when all have reached their tether's end:  
that mile where the Child lies hid.

For see, beneath the hand, the earth already warms and glows,  
for men with shepherd's eyes there are signs in the dark,  
the turning stars, the lamb's returning time.

For see, out of this utter death he's born again,



"Pieta" by Dierdre Luzwick



COLLECT FOR  
PEACE

So then, remember that you were once Gentiles, by birth being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord: in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.*

Nicholas: Bless we the Lord.

Choir: Thanks be to God.

Nicholas: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Choir: Amen.

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*Te Deum*

John Rutter  
(1989)

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens, and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:  
The Father of an infinite Majesty: Thine honourable, true, and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.



ICLES

Nicholas: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Nicholas: The Lord will give strength unto his people.

Choir: The Lord will bless his people with peace.



## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man:  
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:  
Thou didst open the kingdom of Heav'n to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

th Me

(Eventide)

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

*Father of all people  
Who on earth do dwell.  
Look upon our family  
Kneeling together before You,  
And grant us a true Christmas.*

*With loving heart we bless You:  
For the gift of your dear Son, Jesus Christ,  
For the peace he brings to human homes,  
For the goodwill he teaches to sinful people,  
For the glory of Your goodness shining in his face.*

*With joyful voice we praise You:  
For his lowly birth and his rest in the manger,  
For the pure tenderness of his mother Mary,  
For the fatherly care that protected him,  
For the providence that saved the Holy Child  
To be the Savior of the world.*

*With deep desire we beseech You:  
Help us to keep his birthday truly,  
Help us to offer, in his name, our Christmas prayer.*

*From the sickness of sin and the darkness of doubt,  
From the selfish pleasures and sullen pains,  
From the frost of pride and the fever of envy,  
God save us every one, through the blessing of Jesus.*

*In the health of purity and the calm of mutual trust,  
In the sharing of joy and the bearing of trouble,  
In the steady glow of love and the clear light of hope,  
God keep us every one, by the blessing of Jesus.*

*In praying and praising, in giving and receiving,  
In eating and drinking, in singing and merriment,  
In parents' gladness and in children's mirth,  
In dear memories of those who have departed,  
In good comradeship with those who are here,  
In kind wishes for those who are far away,  
In patient waiting, sweet contentment, generous cheer,  
God bless us every one, with the blessing of Jesus.*

*By remembering our kinship with all people,  
By well-wishing, friendly speaking and kindly doing,  
By cheering the downcast and adding sunshine to daylight,  
By welcoming strangers (poor shepherds or rich wise men),  
By keeping the music of the angels' song in our house,  
God help us every one to share the blessing of Jesus:  
In whose name we keep Christmas:  
And in whose words we pray together:*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

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*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

G. Winston Cassler  
(1906-1990)

(Congregation remains seated and sings)

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| 1. O come, all ye faithful<br>Joyful and triumphant,<br>O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,<br>Come and behold him,<br>Born the king of angels: | 3. Sing, choirs of angels,<br>Sing in exultation,<br>Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!<br>Glory to God<br>In the Highest:<br><i>Refrain</i> |
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*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

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| 2. God of God,<br>Light of Light,<br>Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb,<br>Very God,<br>Begotten, not created:<br><i>Refrain</i> | 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,<br>Born this happy morning.<br>Jesus, to thee be glory given;<br>Word of the Father,<br>Now in flesh appearing:<br><i>Refrain</i> |
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(Congregation stands)



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