

CHRISTMAS

(Standing)

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re -
Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let all their

ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
heav'n and na - ture sing,

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

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By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the way of peace.

For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Thanks be to God for this gift beyond words!

My eyes have seen your salvation,

Which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.

IN DULCI JUBILO

The musical score is written in 6/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Dear Chris - tian friends, re - joice, with heart, and soul, and voice; hear the news that John did cry: "God to us is draw - ing nigh; turn a - way from fear and sin, to let the Sav - ior en - ter in." God is draw - ing nigh! God is draw - ing nigh!"

(Kneeling or sitting)

Saving God, we confess to you our sinfulness. We are consumed with greed and with self, instead of loving you as we ought. Too often we are indifferent to those for whom this season is not a time of joy. You call us to the simple life, but we engage in extravagance, which directs our hearts away from you and from those in need.

Forgive us, and renew us, gracious Savior.

(Sitting)

With Mary we exalt you, God our Redeemer:

**My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on
the lowliness of his servant.**

**Surely, from now on
all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

**His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.**

**He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the
thoughts of their hearts.**

**He has brought down the powerful
from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

**He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made
to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his descendants forever.**

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 O sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
 O sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels!
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

Glory be to you, Lord our God; you have chosen us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, before the founding of the world.

You have given us such love, Father, that we should be called the children of God!

You have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

You have rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.

You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, your Incarnate Son.

For the sake of the great love with which you love us, make us alive in Christ, our Lord.

Holy Child of Mary, Savior of the world,

Reveal yourself to us.

By your holy incarnation,
 By your human birth,
 By your pure and blameless childhood,
 By your obedience and diligence,
 By your humility, meekness, and patience,
 By your extreme poverty,
 By your griefs and sorrows,
 By your prayers and tears,
 By your having been despised and rejected,
 By your cross and suffering,
 By your death and burial,
 By your triumphant resurrection and ascension,

Help us and save us.

For the poor, the abused, and the sick,
 For prisoners and the homeless,
 For victims of natural disaster and war,
 For those who are in danger, misery, or distress,
 For those who minister to human need in your name,
 For all who share your good news,
 For your whole church on earth,

We pray for your blessing, strength, and encouragement.

God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

May we all be transformed into the image of Christ from one degree of glory to another.

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CHRIST THE LORD

Christ the Lord, the Lord most glo-rious, now is born; O shout a-loud!
Praise the Lord, God, our sal - va - tion, praise him who re - trieved our loss;

The first system of musical notation for 'Christ the Lord' consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

We by him are made vic - to-rious; praise the Sav - ior, hail our God!
Sing, with awe, and love's sen - sa - tion, hal - le - lu - jah! God with us!

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It also consists of two staves in treble and bass clefs, in the same key and time signature. The melody continues in the treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

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