Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 291

Good Christian friends, rejoice,   
with heart, and soul, and voice;

1. 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!
2. now ye hear of endless bliss:  
   Jesus Christ was born for this!  
   He has opened heaven's door,  
   and we are blessed forevermore.  
   Christ was born for this!  
   Christ was born for this!
3. 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!  
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TEXT: Medieval Latin carol. Tr. John Mason Neale (1853), alt.

TUNE: 14th cent. German melody

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