

**Communion Practice:** We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

#### **A Prayer upon Entering Church**

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### **A Prayer before Communion**

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

#### **A Prayer after Communion**

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

#### **A Prayer at the Close of the Service**

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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The Second Sunday after Christmas  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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*“Arise and take the young Child and His mother,  
and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell  
thee.” St. Matthew 2:13*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Wie schön leuchtet”</i>	Michael Praetorius
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
<b>The Invocation</b>		ASBH p. 7
<b>The Confession of Sins</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
<b>Versicles</b>		ASBH p. 8
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
<b>The Introit</b>	<i>(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)</i>	ASBH p. 55
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>		ASBH p. 10-13
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 55
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		1 Peter 4:12-19
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 55
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<b>The Gospel</b>	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. Matthew 2:13-23
<b>The Creed</b>	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“The Newborn Child This Early Morn”</i>	ASBH 8
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>Out of Egypt Did I Call My Son</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>		ASBH p. 18-19
	<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>	
<b>The General Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 19-20
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn”</i>	INSERT
<b>The Lavabo</b>	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Exhortation</b>		ASBH p. 21
<b>The Preface</b>		ASBH p. 22
<b>The Proper Preface</b>		ASBH p. 23-27
<b>The Sanctus and Benedictus</b>		ASBH p. 27-28
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 29
<b>The Verba Domini</b>	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	ASBH p. 30
<b>The Pax Domini</b>	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	ASBH p. 31

<b>The Agnus Dei</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Distribution</b>	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“The Star Proclaims the King is Here”</i>	Δ INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Nunc Dimittis</b>		ASBH p. 33-35
<b>The Thanksgiving and Collect</b>		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“The Happy Christmas Comes Once More”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 36
<b>The Benedicamus</b>		ASBH p. 37
<b>The Benediction</b>		ASBH p. 37
<b>The Triple Amen</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“Wo Gott zum Haus”</i>	Johann Pachelbel

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Office of the Keys and Confession (pages 21-25) & Questions 204-207 (Part II. The Creed. The Third Article. Of Eternal Life, page 106-107).

### Announcements

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.*

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

## Christmas and Epiphany Season Schedule

<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i></b>
	Private Confession 4:30 p.m.
	Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

## In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Brandon Dennie, Rachel Epperson, Vito Gerardi, Graham Hardaway, Michelle Harris, Peggy Holder, Judy Horn, Glen Madden, Paul Meadows, Barbara Miller, Mike Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jack Newton, Becky Phillips, Betty Ramsey, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Chuck Webber, Gerald Weerts, and Tammy Wilson.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *St. Michael and All Angels Ev. Lutheran Mission, Augusta, GA*; and her pastor, the *Rev. Jerald P. Dulas.*
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathan Teo Zin Han.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby Eisold,* and *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially *Thomas Allred* and *John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for Week after the Second Sunday of Christmas

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	Gal. 4; Matt. 3:1-12	Galatians 5; Isaiah 56:1-8
<b>Monday:</b>	Gal. 6; Luke 3:1-9	Ephesians 1; Isaiah 12:1-6
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Eph. 2; Luke 3:15-20	Ephesians 3; Genesis 2:1-25
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Eph. 4; Mark 1:1-8	Ephesians 5; Genesis 4:1-26
<b>Thursday:</b>	Eph. 6; Mark 1:9-11	Philippians 1; Genesis 5:1-32
<b>Friday:</b>	Phil. 2; Luke 3:21-22	Philippians 3; Genesis 6:9-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Phil. 4; Luke 3:23-38	Colossians 1; Genesis 7:1-24

### Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 121, 23-25	Psalms 111, 26-30
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 121, 31-32	Psalms 72, 33-34
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 96, 35	Psalms 72, 36-37
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 96, 38	Psalms 72, 39-41
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 96, 42-44	Psalms 72, 45-48
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 96, 49	Psalms 72, 50-51
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 96, 52-54	Psalms 86, 55-57

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Large Catechism, I.265-278  
**Tuesday:** The Large Catechism, I.279-296  
**Wednesday:** The Large Catechism, I.297-310  
**Thursday:** The Large Catechism, I.311-323  
**Friday:** The Large Catechism, I.324—II.8

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

**Sunday:** The Ten Commandments  
**Monday:** The Apostles' Creed  
**Tuesday:** The Lord's Prayer  
**Wednesday:** Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession  
**Thursday:** The Sacrament of the Altar  
**Friday:** How One Should Be Taught to Pray  
**Saturday:** The Table of Duties

## Hymns for the Week:

**Morning:** ASBH 8—“The Newborn Child This Early Morn”

**Evening:** INSERT—“Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn”

## Calendar for the Week after the Second Sunday of Christmas

**Today: The Second Sunday after Christmas—White**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Simpsonville,  
SC and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

**Monday: *The Twelfth Day of Christmas***

Seminary Winter Quarter Resumes

**Tuesday: The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord—White**

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

6:15 p.m. Take Down Christmas Decorations

**Wednesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. Pastor Teaches Psalms Class

**Friday:** 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Ormond Beach, FL

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: The First Sunday after Epiphany—Green**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers,  
FL

## St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Diocesan seminary is on their Winter Break. They will resume classes tomorrow, Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

## The Lutheran Herald

The January issue of “The Lutheran Herald,” the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: <http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald> and on the diocesan website: [eldona.org](http://eldona.org). There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

## An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“It is also indicated here that this star was not high in the heavens like the other stars, but hung above them in the air; otherwise it would have been impossible for them to discover whether it stood over Jerusalem or over Bethlehem. For, according to astronomy and experience, it cannot be discerned on account of their height over the town the stars of heaven really are suspended, since two cities, ten or more miles apart, both think

the star above them. Again, you cannot perceive their movement with the eye, although they move more swiftly than time or lightning. This star, however, they did not see move swiftly but glide slowly before them according to the speed of their journey. A star in heaven moves farther in one moment than ten journeys from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, for they move once around earth and heaven every day and night. Besides, all stars move from east to west.

But this star accompanying them from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, traveled from north to south. This was proof that it was of another kind, its course and place in the sky different from the other stars in the heavens. It was not a fixed star, as astronomers call them, but rather a movable star that could rise and descend and move from one place to another. With this those astronomers are again silenced who say that the star had no special significance in Christ’s birth or life. It was probably not as large as the stars in the heavens, although it appeared larger on account of its nearness. In short, it was a servant of Christ and had no power or authority over Christ’s birth.” *From the Church Postil for the Festival of the Epiphany of the Lord, 1522.*

## To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

**Today—The Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Epistle:**

1 Peter 4:12-19

**Gospel:**

St. Matthew 2:13-23

## January 6<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord

**Lesson:**

Isaiah 49:1-7

**Epistle:**

Isaiah 60:1-6

**Gospel:**

St. Matthew 2:1-12

## January 11<sup>th</sup>—The First Sunday after Epiphany

**Epistle:**

Romans 12:1-5

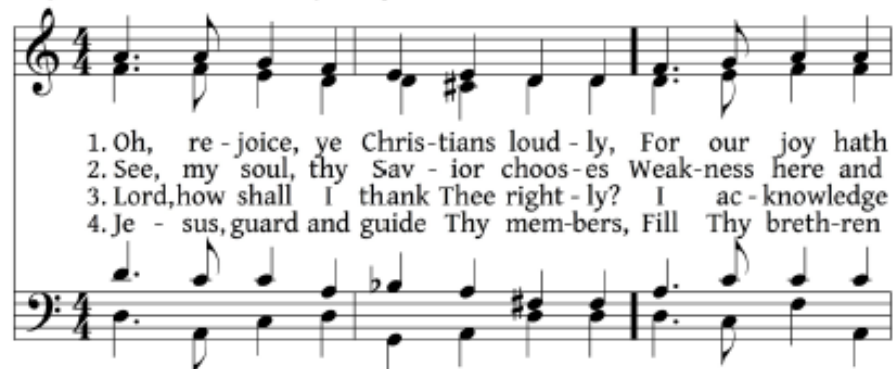
**Gospel:**

St. Luke 2:41-52

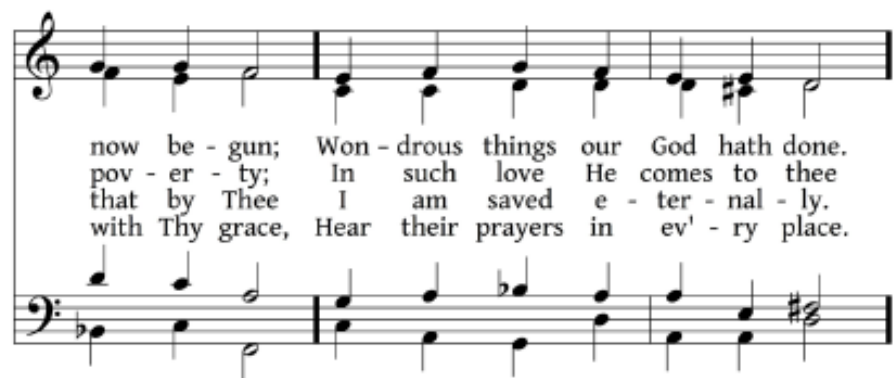
# ## Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly

Freuet euch, ihr Christen alle  
Christian Keimann, 1646  
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

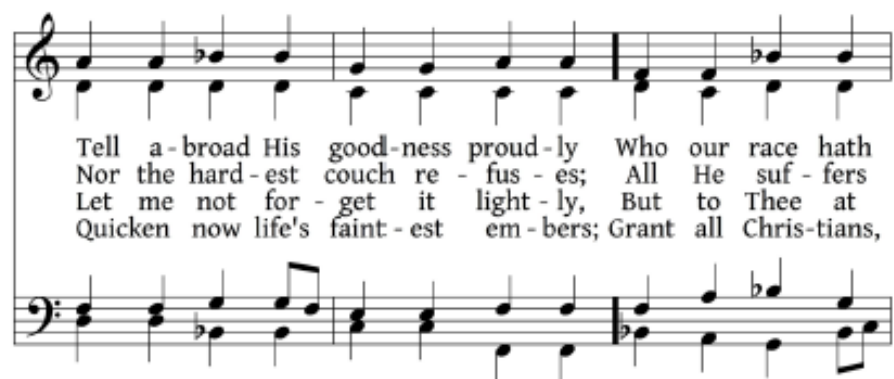
Freuet euch, ihr Christen  
Andreas Hammerschmidt, 1646



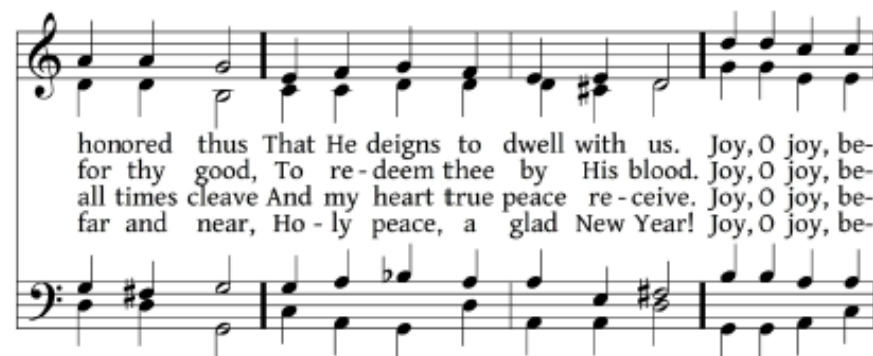
1. Oh, re - joice, ye Chris - tians loud - ly, For our joy hath  
2. See, my soul, thy Sav - ior choos - es Weak - ness here and  
3. Lord, how shall I thank Thee right - ly? I ac - knowledge  
4. Je - sus, guard and guide Thy mem - bers, Fill Thy breth - ren



now be - gun; Won - drous things our God hath done.  
pov - er - ty; In such love He comes to thee  
that by Thee I am saved e - ter - nal - ly.  
with Thy grace, Hear their prayers in ev' - ry place.



Tell a - broad His good - ness proud - ly Who our race hath  
Nor the hard - est couch re - fus - es; All He suf - fers  
Let me not for - get it light - ly, But to Thee at  
Quicken now life's faint - est em - bers; Grant all Chris - tians,



honored thus That He deigns to dwell with us. Joy, O joy, be -  
for thy good, To re - deem thee by His blood. Joy, O joy, be -  
all times cleave And my heart true peace re - ceive. Joy, O joy, be -  
far and near, Ho - ly peace, a glad New Year! Joy, O joy, be -



yond all glad - ness, Christ hath done a - way with sad - ness!  
yond all glad - ness, Christ hath done a - way with sad - ness!  
yond all glad - ness, Christ hath done a - way with sad - ness!  
yond all glad - ness, Christ hath done a - way with sad - ness!



Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,  
Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,  
Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,  
Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,



For the Sun of Grace is shin - ing!  
For the Sun of Grace is shin - ing!  
For the Sun of Grace is shin - ing!  
For the Sun of Grace is shin - ing! A - men.

# ## Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn

Os er idag en Frelser födt  
Birgitte Boye, 1778  
Tr., Carl Döving, 1911

Wie schön leuchtet  
Philipp Nicolai, 1599

1. Re - joice, re - joice, this hap - py morn,

A Sav-ior un-to us is born, The Christ, the

Lord of Glo - ry. His low - ly

birth in Beth-le-hem The an-gels from on high pro-

claim And sing re - demp - tion's sto - ry.

My soul, ex - tol God's great fav - or, Bless Him ev - er

For sal - va - tion, Give Him praise and

ad - o - ra - tion. A - men.

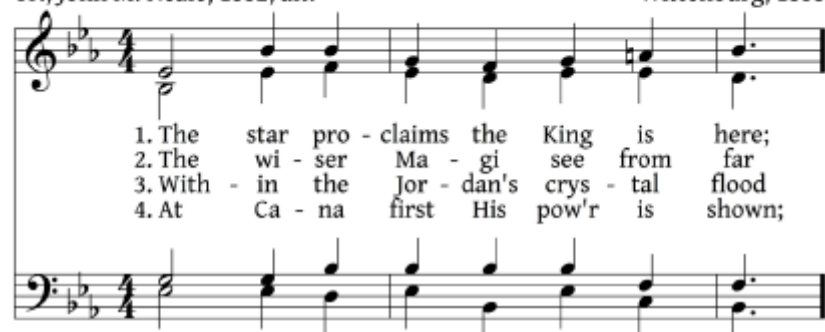
## ## The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Hostis Herodes impie  
Coelius Sedulius, c. 450


Tr., John M. Neale, 1852, alt.

Wo Gott zum Haus  
"Geistliche Lieder"


Wittenburg, 1535



1. The star pro - claims the King is here;  
2. The wi - ser Ma - gi see from far  
3. With - in the Jor - dan's crys - tal flood  
4. At Ca - na first His pow'r is shown;



But, Her - od, why this sense - less fear?  
And fol - low on His guid - ing star;  
In meek - ness stands the Lamb of God  
His might the blush - ing wat - ers own



He takes no realms of earth a - way  
And led by light, to light they press  
And, sin - less sanc - ti - fies the wave,  
And, chang - ing as He speaks the word,



Who gives the realms of heav'n - ly day.  
And by their gifts their God con - fess.  
Man - kind from sin to cleanse and save.  
Flow wine, o - bed - ient to their Lord. A-men.

Δ5. All glory, Jesus, be to Thee  
For This Thy glad epiphany;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost forevermore.



# ## The Happy Christmas Comes Once More

From the Danish

Tr., Charles Porterfield Krauth, 1868

Emanuel

"Church Book with Music"

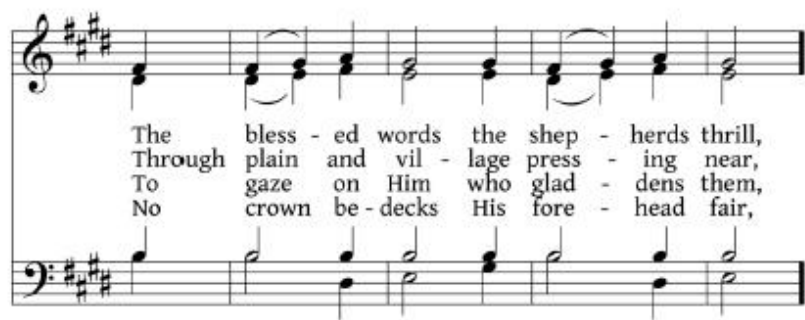
C. Balle, 1850



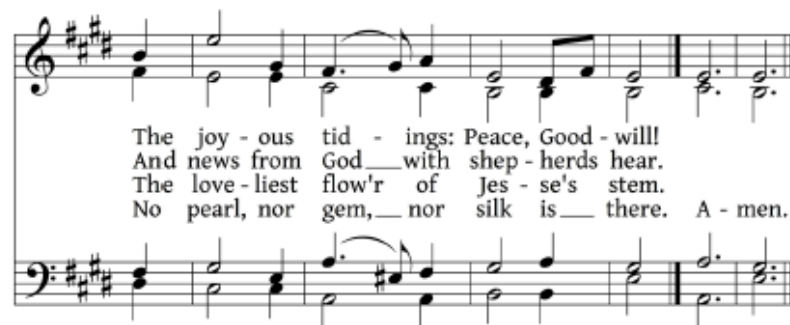
1. The hap - py Christ - mas comes once more,  
 2. To Da - vid's ci - ty let us fly,  
 3. O let us go with qui - et mind,  
 4. The low - ly Sav - ior meek - ly lies,



The heav'n - ly Guest is at the door,  
 Where an - gels sing be - neath the sky;  
 The gen - tle Babe with shep - herds find,  
 Laid off the splen - dor of the skies;



The bless - ed words the shep - herds thrill,  
 Through plain and vil - lage press - ing near,  
 To gaze on Him who glad - dens them,  
 No crown be - decks His fore - head fair,



The joy - ous tid - ings: Peace, Good - will!  
 And news from God with shep - herds hear.  
 The love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.  
 No pearl, nor gem, nor silk is there. A - men.

5. No human glory, might, and gold,  
 The lovely Infant's form enfold;  
 The manger and the swaddlings poor  
 Are His, whom angel's songs adore.

6. O wake our hearts, in gladness sing,  
 And keep our Christmas with our King,  
 Till living song, from loving souls,  
 Like sound of mighty water rolls!

7. O holy Child, Thy manger gleams  
 Till earth and heaven glow with its beams  
 Till midnight hath noon's brightness won,  
 And Jacob's Star outshines the sun.

8. Thou Patriarch's joy, Thou Prophet's song,  
 Thou heav'nly Day-Spring looked for long,  
 Thou Son of Man, Incarnate Word,  
 Great David's Son, great David's Lord!

9. Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly Guest,  
 Keep Thine own Christmas in our breast;  
 Then David's harp-strings, hushed so long,  
 Shall swell our jubilee of song.